




As Many as 120 Dead in Paris Attacks

- At Press Time


Spectators embrace each other as they stand on the playing field of the Stade de France stadium at the end of a friendly soccer match between France and Germany in Saint Denis, outside Paris, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Multiple fatal attacks throughout the city have prompted President Francois Hollande to announce he was closing the country's borders and declaring a state of emergency. (AP Photo/Christophe Ena)



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A woman is being evacuated from the Bataclan Theater after a shooting in Paris, Friday Nov. 13, 2015. Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins says the death toll in attacks at six sites around the French capital could exceed 120.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

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PARIS (AP) — A series of attacks targeting young concert-goers and Parisians enjoying a Friday night out at popular nightspots killed as many as 120 people in the deadliest violence to strike France since World War II. President Francois Hollande pledged that France would stand firm against what he called terrorism.

The worst carnage was at a concert hall hosting an American rock band, where scores of people were held hostage and attackers hurled explosives at their captives. Police who stormed the building, killing three attackers, encountered a bloody scene of horror inside.

Paris Prosecutor Francois Molins said as many as five attackers may have been killed, though it was not clear how many there were altogether and how many were still at large. Authorities said the death toll at the six sites could exceed 120.

Hollande declared a state of emergency and announced that he was closing the country's borders. The violence spread fear through the city and ex-

ceeded the horrors of the Charlie Hebdo attack just 10 months ago.

In addition to the deaths at the concert hall, a police official said 11 people were killed in a Paris restaurant in the 10th arrondissement and other officials said at least three people died when bombs went off outside a stadium.

All of the officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not

authorized to be publicly named in the quickly moving investigation.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attacks, and no clear picture of how many attackers were involved and if any were on the run. Jihadists on Twitter immediately praised the attack and criticized France's military operations against Islamic State extremists.

Hollande, who had to be

evacuated from the stadium when the bombs went off outside, said in a televised address that the nation would stand firm and united.

"This is a terrible ordeal that again assails us," he said. "We know where it comes from, who these criminals are, who these terrorists are."

U.S. President Barack Obama, speaking to reporters in Washington, called the attacks on Paris "outrageous attempt to terrorize innocent civilians" and vowed to do whatever it takes to help bring the perpetrators to justice. He called the attacks a "heartbreaking situation" and an "attack on all of humanity."

Earlier Friday, two explosions were heard outside the Stade de France stadium north of Paris during a France-Germany exhibition soccer game. A police union official said there were two suicide attacks and a bombing that killed at least three people.

The official, Gregory Goupil of the Alliance Police Nationale, whose region includes the area of the stadium, said explosions went off simultaneously near two entrances and a McDon-

alds.

An Associated Press reporter in the stadium Friday night heard two explosions loud enough to penetrate the sounds of cheering fans. Sirens were immediately heard, and a helicopter was circling overhead.

The attack comes as France has heightened security measures ahead of a major global climate conference that starts in two weeks, out of fear of violent protests and potential terrorist attacks. Hollande canceled a planned trip to this weekend's G-20 summit in Turkey, which was to focus in large part on growing fears of terrorism carried out by Islamic extremists.

Emilio Macchio, from Ravenna, Italy, was at the Carillon restaurant that was targeted, having a beer on the sidewalk, when the shooting started. He said he didn't see any gunmen or victims, but hid behind a corner, then ran away.

"It sounded like fireworks," he said.

France has been on edge since January, when Islamic extremists attacked the satirical newspaper Charlie Hebdo, which had run cartoons of the Prophet Muhammad, and a kosher grocery. Twenty people died, including the three attackers. The Charlie Hebdo attackers claimed links to extremists in Yemen, while the kosher market attacker claimed ties to the Islamic State group.

This time, they targeted young people enjoying a rock concert and ordinary city residents enjoying a Friday night out.

One of at least two restaurants targeted Friday, Le Carillon, is in the same general neighborhood as the Charlie Hebdo offices, as is the Bataclan, among the best-known venues in eastern Paris, near the trendy Oberkampf area known for a vibrant nightlife. The California-based band Eagles of Death Metal was scheduled to play there Friday night. □



French President Francois Hollande arrives to visit the site of the the Bataclan Theater after a shooting in Paris, Friday Nov. 13, 2015. French President Francois Hollande declared a state of emergency and announced that he was closing the country's borders.

(AP Photo/Thibault Camus)

Sexting bust new embarrassment for Secret Service

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DOVER, Delaware (AP)

— The arrest of a uniformed U.S. Secret Service officer on charges of trying to solicit a teenage girl for sex and sending obscene images and texts online is the latest embarrassment for the agency charged with protecting the president and his family.

Lee Robert Moore, 37, waived his right to a preliminary hearing Friday without appearing in court in Delaware on state charges of sexual solicitation of a child under 18 and providing obscene material to a person under 18. He is charged separately in federal court with attempted transfer of obscene material to a minor.

Defense attorney John Barber declined to comment. Moore was released from state custody Tuesday after posting \$105,000 secured bail, but he remains in custody on the federal charge.

Moore surrendered to authorities on Monday after being caught in an undercover online sex sting by Delaware State Police.

The federal agency has had a series of scandals stretching back to 2012, when more than a dozen agents and officers were implicated in a South American prostitution scandal. Since then, multiple agents and officers have been accused of wrongdoing. Former agency director Julia Pierson was ousted last year after the disclosure of two security breaches, including an incident in which a man with a knife climbed a White House fence and ran into the executive mansion. According to a complaint unsealed in federal court Thursday, Moore often engaged in online chats while on duty at the White House, once asking an undercover officer who he thought was a 14-year-old girl to send him something "exciting" on a day when he was checking IDs for a building entrance and complained that "work sucks today." □

Military: US 'reasonably certain' Jihadi John is dead

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

The U.S. military is "reasonably certain" its drone strike in Syria killed the masked Islamic State militant known as "Jihadi John," who appeared in several videos depicting the beheadings of Western hostages.

But families of the hostages brutally killed last year said his presumed death is little solace.

Army Col. Steve Warren, U.S. military spokesman in Baghdad, told reporters Friday that officials had been following Mohammed Emwazi, a Kuwaiti-born British citizen, for some time.

"The intelligence indicators that we had gave us great confidence that this individual was Jihadi John and when the opportunity presented itself — with the opportunity for minimal civilian casualties — we took the shot," Warren said. "This guy was a human animal, and killing him is probably making the world a little bit better place."

Another U.S. official told The Associated Press that three drones — two U.S. and one British — targeted the vehicle in which Emwazi was believed to be traveling in Raqqa, the Islamic State's self-proclaimed capital in northern Syria. The official, who was not authorized to speak publicly and requested anonymity, said the U.S. drone, armed with

a Hellfire missile, struck the vehicle.

Warren said that Emwazi and one of his friends were apparently killed, and there were no civilian ca-

State leaders, adding that the U.S. has killed one mid-to upper-level Islamic State leader every two days since May.

Among those beheaded

"His death does not bring Jim back. If only so much effort had been given to finding and rescuing Jim and the other hostages who were subsequently



Britain's Prime Minister David Cameron makes a statement about the possible death of Islamic State militant Mohammed Emwazi, known as "Jihadi John", at Downing Street in London, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. A U.S. drone strike targeted a vehicle in Syria believed to be transporting the masked Islamic State militant "Jihadi John" on Thursday, Nov. 12, according to American officials, but his death is not yet confirmed.
(AP Photo/Kirsty Wigglesworth)

sualties. Officials are using a variety of human and signals intelligence, social media reports and other methods to confirm Emwazi's death. A Turkish official says authorities there have detained a man they suspect is linked to Emwazi. The man, who they strongly believe to be Aine Lesley Davis, was detained in Istanbul.

Warren said the operation was one in a string of targeted attacks on Islamic

by Islamic State militants in videos posted online since August 2014 were U.S. journalists Steven Sotloff and James Foley, U.S. aid worker Abdul-Rahman Kassig, British aid workers David Haines and Alan Henning, and Japanese journalist Kenji Goto.

Foley's parents, John and Diane Foley, of New Hampshire, issued a statement calling the purported death "a very small solace."

murdered by ISIS, they might be alive today," they said.

Likewise, Art and Shirley Sotloff said the development "doesn't change anything for us; it's too little too late. Our son is never coming back."

British Prime Minister David Cameron said the strike had been a joint effort to hit the British-accented militant, whom Cameron called the group's "lead executioner." □

Top military aide under investigation of misconduct

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Defense Secretary Ash Carter suddenly fired his top military aide this week citing allegations of misconduct, and referred the matter to the department's inspector general.

Defense officials would not provide any details about why Army Lt. Gen. Ron Lewis was removed from his job. A senior defense official said Carter learned of the allegations Tuesday night and later informed the inspector gen-

eral. Carter was surprised by the allegations and met with Lewis Thursday morning, said the official, who was not authorized to discuss the matter publicly so spoke on condition of anonymity.

"I expect the highest possible standards of conduct from the men and women in this department particularly from those serving in the most senior positions," said Carter in a statement released Thursday. "There is no exception."

The firing severs a long, close professional relation-

ship between Lewis and Carter, and sent shock waves across the Pentagon. Lewis served as Carter's military aide earlier in his career, including when Carter was the deputy secretary of defense. And when Carter was tapped to become defense secretary earlier this year, he chose Lewis, then an Army one-star brigadier general, to move into the three-star aide job.

Lewis had been slated for promotion to major general — with two-stars — but was quickly confirmed by

the Senate for another promotion on June 23, after he started in the new job.

In his statement Thursday, Carter said that the Army may take any appropriate action against Lewis once the investigation by the inspector general is finished. Defense officials said they could not even broadly characterize the allegations or say whether they involve any criminal activities, because of privacy law. The defense official said Lewis was not arrested and no other investigating authorities are involved. □

Trump asks how ‘stupid’ voters are for supporting Carson

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FORT DODGE, Iowa (AP)

— Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump is equating Ben Carson's childhood “pathological temper” to the illness of a child molester and asking how “stupid” voters are for supporting his closest competitor.

Trump, once the undisputed poll leader, is now running neck-and-neck with Carson in many opinion surveys.

Carson's ability to overcome his anger and an impoverished childhood to become a world-renowned neurosurgeon has been a central part of his personal story. He has written that on one occasion he nearly punched his mother and on another he



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump speaks during a rally at Iowa Central Community College in Fort Dodge, Iowa. (AP Photo/Charlie Neibergall)

attempted to stab a friend with a knife.

“I had what I only can label

a pathological temper — a disease — and this sickness controlled me, making me

totally irrational,” Carson has said.

Trump attacked Carson

over those comments Thursday. “That's a big problem because you don't cure that,” the billionaire real estate mogul told CNN in an interview. “That's like, you know, I could say, they say you don't cure — as an example, child molester. You don't cure these people. You don't cure the child molester.”

And during a rally Thursday night, Trump questioned Carson's description of racing to the bathroom in his house after one incident and beginning to pray for God's help in dealing with his temper.

“God heard my deep cries of anguish. A feeling of lightness flowed over me, and I knew a change of heart had taken place,” Carson wrote in his memoir.

“Give me a break. Give me a break. It doesn't happen that way,” Trump told the rally. “Don't be fools.”

He added, “How stupid are the people of the country to believe this crap?”

Carson said Trump's broadside was “expected” in politics, but he decried “the politics of personal destruction.”

“I'm hopeful at some point that we reach a level of maturity that we can actually deal with the issues that are facing us right now and stop getting into the mud and doing things that really don't matter,” Carson told reporters in South Carolina. □

Carson acknowledges no Chinese troops in Syria

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GREENVILLE, South Carolina (AP)

— Republican presidential contender Ben Carson acknowledged Friday that there are no Chinese troops in the Syrian conflict, just days after asserting that China is involved in the fight in Syria and offering to prove it with his own intelligence.

His campaign issued a statement addressing China's “longstanding and well-documented secu-

rity ties to Syria” while saying “Dr. Carson does not believe China is currently fighting in or deploying troops to Syria.”

The statement followed Carson's comments at a South Carolina campaign stop that he had information, better than that available to the White House, showing China's involvement in Syria. “I'm surprised my sources are better than theirs,” he said.

But a clarification of sorts soon followed.

The campaign statement

said Carson was talking about “various military weapons and equipment that Syria is using in the current conflict,” and said he'd never claimed Chinese troops had been deployed to Syria.

China's history of selling arms to Syria and other countries is well known, however, and not something that requires proof. Carson suggested a much more direct role in the Republican presidential debate Tuesday, when he declared in a discussion

about Russian and U.S. military activities in Syria that “the Chinese are there” as well.

National security adviser Susan Rice said in response that “I have not seen any evidence of Chinese military involvement in Syria” and said she did not know what Carson was talking about, unless he meant just a diplomatic presence.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest also was confounded when asked about Carson on Friday. □



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Hawaii, Guam, American Samoa superdelegates support Clinton

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HONOLULU (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton has secured the support of many Democratic Party leaders in Hawaii and U.S. Pacific island territories as she pursues her party's nomination for president.

An Associated Press survey shows Clinton has the support of half of the superdelegates to next year's Democratic National Convention from Hawaii, Guam and American Samoa. Other superdelegates said they were not ready to declare their support for any candidate and some did not respond.

U.S. Sen. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii said Clinton cares about issues that people care about, including college affordability, raising the minimum wage and comprehensive immigration reform.

"She has the brains, she

has the stamina. She's got what it takes to be president," Hirono said.

Superdelegates are delegates to the Democratic National Convention who can support the candidate of their choice, regardless of what happens in the primaries and caucuses. They are members of Congress and other elected officials, party leaders and members of the Democratic National Committee. Superdelegates make up about 30 percent of the 2,382 delegates needed to clinch the Democratic nomination.

The AP surveyed all 712 Democratic Party superdelegates over the last two weeks, hearing back from more than 80 percent of them. Of those, 359 planned to support Clinton, eight planned to support Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders and two planned to support former Mary-



Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton acknowledges supporters after filing papers to be on the Nation's earliest presidential primary ballot at The Secretary of State's office in Concord, N.H. Clinton has locked up public support from half of the Democratic insiders who cast ballots at the party's national convention, giving her a commanding advantage over her rivals for the party's presidential nomination.

(AP Photo/Jim Cole)

land Gov. Martin O'Malley; 210 were uncommitted. Five of Hawaii's nine superdelegates, including

Hirono, said they supported Clinton. Three were uncommitted while one didn't respond.

Three of five Guam superdelegates said they supported Clinton and two didn't respond. □

Convicted spy Jonathan Pollard to be set free after 30 years

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Jonathan Pollard, the Navy intelligence analyst whose 1985 arrest for selling secrets to Israel set off a sensational spy saga, is scheduled to be released from federal prison next week, marking the end of

a three-decade diplomatic burr in the relationship between the two allies.

Pollard, 61, had been serving a life sentence, but was granted parole this year under sentencing rules in place at the time of his prosecution that made him presumptively eligible for release this month.

Although the decision from the U.S. Parole Commission came around the same time as a sharp disagreement between the U.S. and the Israeli governments over a nuclear deal with Iran, officials from both countries have denied the release was in any way tied to

that arrangement, or was intended as a concession to Israel.

The release, scheduled for next Friday, caps a case that divided public opinion in Israel and America and has been a periodic source of legal and diplomatic wrangling between the two countries.

"In terms of the quantity of stuff he gave away and the classification and the damage to relations, it certainly was a significant case," said Jeffrey Richelson, a senior fellow at the National Security Archive at George Washington University who has written on Pollard. □



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Utah judge reverses order to take baby from lesbian couple



Foster parents April Hoagland and Beckie Peirce are photographed in Salt Lake City. The couple said Friday they are relieved after finding out they will be able to keep a baby girl they have been raising as foster parents. (Steve Griffin/The Salt Lake Tribune via AP)

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PRICE, Utah (AP) — A Utah lesbian couple said Friday they are relieved after finding out they will be able to keep a baby girl they have been raising as foster parents. The married couple spoke

Friday, hours after a judge reversed his ruling to take the 9-month-old child and place her with a heterosexual couple for her well-being. "We're just happy we don't have to say goodbye to her on Tuesday," April Hoagland told The Associated Press. "That's a

big relief." Hoagland and Beckie Peirce later spoke at a news conference outside the courthouse where the judge made the initial ruling on Tuesday. They said they are grateful for the nationwide support their case received after Judge Scott Johansen or-

dered the baby removed. National LGBT groups called the decision outrageous, and Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton brought attention to the case by Tweeting about it. State officials and an attorney for the women filed court documents demanding the judge rescind his decision. The judge reversed course, but he could still order the child removed at a Dec. 4 custody hearing. They said they were shocked when Johansen made his initial ruling in court Tuesday, mentioning research that said children raised by heterosexual families do better and that "same-sex marriages have double the rate of instability as heterosexual marriages." They said there were audible gasps in the courtroom, and state lawyers countered with evidence to the contrary. The American Psychological Association has said there's no scientific basis that gay couples are unfit

parents based on sexual orientation. That language was crossed out in Johansen's new order. It now says the court merely cited concerns that research has shown children are more emotionally and mentally stable when raised by a mother and father in the same home. Hoagland, a stay-at-home mother, and Peirce are among a group of same-sex married couples who were allowed to become foster parents in Utah after last summer's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that made gay marriage legal across the country. The couple is also raising Peirce's biological children, girls ages 12 and 13. They were worried about what would happen to their girls at school in the small central Utah city with about 8,400 people. Instead, the girls discovered widespread support from their classmates, Hoagland and Peirce said. They said they want to adopt the 9-month old baby, who wasn't with them Friday. □

US top court agrees to hear first abortion case since 2007

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is taking on its first abortion case in eight years, a dispute over state regulation of abortion clinics. A decision in the case involving one of the country's most contested issues is expected to be issued by late June, four months before the presidential election. The justices said Friday they will hear arguments over a Texas law that would leave about

10 abortion clinics open across the state. Before the law, the country's second-largest state had 41 abortion clinics. The high court previously blocked parts of the Texas law. The court took no action on a separate appeal from Mississippi, where a state law would close the only abortion clinic in one of the poorest states in the U.S. States have enacted a wave of measures in recent years that have placed restrictions on when in a pregnancy-

abortions may be performed, imposed limits on abortions using drugs instead of surgery and raised standards for clinics and the doctors who work in them. The new case concerns the last category. In Texas, the fight is over two provisions of the law that Gov. Rick Perry signed in 2013. One requires abortion facilities to be constructed like surgical centers. The other allows doctors to perform abortions at clinics only if they have admitting privileges at a lo-

cal hospital. More than half of the state's clinics closed when the admitting privileges requirement was allowed to take effect. Nineteen clinics remain. The focus of the dispute at the Supreme Court is whether the law imposes what the court has called an undue burden on a woman's constitutional right to an abortion. If allowed to take full effect, the law would leave no abortion clinics in the hundreds of miles (kilometers) that lie west of San Anto-

nio and only one operating on a limited basis in the Rio Grande Valley bordering Mexico. The state has argued that women in west Texas already cross into New Mexico to obtain abortions at a clinic in the suburbs of the Texas city of El Paso. Backers of the regulations say they are common-sense measures intended to protect women. Abortion rights groups say the regulations have only one aim: to make it harder, if not impossible, for women to get abortions in Texas. □

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US Financial Front:

Retail sales crawl upward in October, led by online shopping

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WASHINGTON (AP) —

Americans ramped up their online shopping and restaurant spending in October, but barely-there inflation kept overall retail sales growth muted.

The Commerce Department said Friday that retail sales rose a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent last month, after being unchanged in September and August. Over the past 12 months, sales have risen 1.7 percent. Lower gasoline costs and meager inflation have downplayed the extent of consumer spending, as the retail sales report is not adjusted for price changes.

The U.S. economy has increasingly relied on consumers to propel growth. Consumer spending has been crucial for offsetting the drags caused by a global economic slowdown and cheaper oil prices and a stronger dollar hurting U.S. manufacturers. The October report suggests that some retailers had been expecting a busy holiday season, as one of the most critical drivers of retail sales growth — auto dealers — saw sales slip last month.

But retail earnings that arrived this week have been far from robust. Nordstrom cut its guidance for the year due to soft sales

across all merchandise categories. That followed a warning from Macy's on Wednesday, which said it was sitting on excessive inventories.

"What is worrying about the report is the combination of soft sales in September and October with retailer's guidance that this holiday season will be on the slower side," said Bricklin Dwyer, an analyst at the bank BNP Paribas.

Online purchases climbed 1.4 percent in October. Spending at restaurants and bars improved 0.5 percent. Furnishers, building material sellers, sporting goods outlets and department stores also notched gains.

But gas station store sales tumbled 0.9 percent in October and have dropped 20.1 percent over the past 12 months. Spending at auto dealers fell 0.5 percent last month, although sales have climbed 6.7 percent from a year ago. Costs for companies dropped in October, a downward pull on prices for consumers, the Labor Department said in a separate report Friday. Producer prices fell 0.4 percent last month alone. Core prices, which exclude volatile food and energy costs, have risen a mere 0.1 percent over the past year.

The lower prices mean that sales have in many cases



Shoppers check out at a Wal-Mart Supercenter store in Springdale, Ark. The Commerce Department on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, says retail sales rose a seasonally adjusted 0.1 percent last month, after being unchanged in September. (AP Photo/Danny Johnston)

been stronger than indicated by the retail sales report, said Ian Shepherdson, chief economist at Pantheon Macroeconomics.

The weak earnings for traditional retailers contrast sharply with expectations ahead of Black Friday.

Holiday spending is projected to jump 3.7 percent this year to \$630.5 billion, a gain that would be above the 10-year average in holiday sales growth of 2.5 percent, according to the National Retail Federation. Clothiers hired 19,500 workers in October ahead of the shopping rush, the government said last week.

Still, not all of the retail-related hiring will appear at stores and showrooms. Online retail giant Amazon announced plans last month to hire 100,000 seasonal workers, a massive 20 percent jump from last year that reflects how internet shopping is also changing the transportation and warehousing sector.

The auto sector appears to remain solid even with the decline in sales documented by the government last month.

Private industry reports show that car and truck purchases totaled 1.5 million in October, a 14 per-

cent increase from a year ago, according to Autodata Corp. Ford projects overall auto sales of 17.4 million for the entire year, besting the record of 17.35 million achieved in 2001.

Economists watch the retail sales report closely because it provides the first indication each month of the willingness of Americans to spend. Consumer spending drives 70 percent of the economy. Yet retail sales account for only about one-third of spending, with services such as haircuts and Internet access making up the other two-thirds. □

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Kurdish forces recapture militant-held towns in Iraq, Syria

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Associated Press

SINJAR, Iraq (AP) — Dealing a double blow Friday to the Islamic State group, Iraqi Kurdish forces pushed into the strategic town of Sinjar in northern Iraq, and a coalition of Arab, Christian and Kurdish rebel factions recaptured another town from the militants across the border in Syria.

The Kurdish forces raised their flag in the center of Sinjar, and a top official said it was liberated, although U.S. and Kurdish military officials urged caution in declaring victory in the major offensive.

The fighters encountered little resistance, at least initially, suggesting that many of the IS militants may have pulled back in anticipation of the advance. It was also possible that they could be biding their time before striking back.

The offensive to retake Sinjar was launched Thursday

by the Kurdish militia fighters known as the peshmerga forces, and they succeeded in cutting a key nearby highway and retaking more than 150 square kilometers (about 60 square miles) of territory from the Islamic State group. Airstrikes by a U.S.-led coalition supported the offensive, dubbed Operation Free Sinjar.

The Kurdistan Region Security Council said 28 villages were retaken from the Islamic State and "more than 300 terrorists were killed by Peshmerga forces and Coalition warplanes" in the course of the two-day operation.

By cutting the road, Iraqi and coalition officials said the extremists will struggle to maintain a flow of supplies to Iraq's second-largest city, Mosul, which has been under militant control since June 2014. Without direct access on Highway 47, the militants would



Kurdish Peshmerga fighters enter Sinjar, northern Iraq, after regaining control of the city from the Islamic State group in a joint operation with coalition forces, on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Iraqi Kurdish militias battling to take back Sinjar from Islamic State militants raised a Kurdish flag and fired off celebratory gunfire in the center of town, though U.S. and Kurdish officials cautioned that it was too soon to declare victory in a major offensive to retake the strategic community.

(AP Photo/Bram Janssen)

have to travel off-road for several hours to travel between their strongholds in

Syria and Iraq.

Sinjar has been under the control of the self-described Islamic State group for more than a year. It was overrun by the extremists as they swept across Syria and Iraq in August 2014, leading to the killing, enslavement and flight of thousands from the Yazidi religious minority.

"We promised, we have liberated Sinjar," Massoud Barzani, the president of the semi-autonomous Kurdish

region, told fighters in Sinjar. "It's time for the Yazidi girls to raise their heads up. Revenge has been taken for them."

Across the border in Syria, a rebel coalition known as the Democratic Forces of Syria seized the town of Hol in northern Hassakeh province. The U.S.-backed offensive to retake IS-held areas in the southern parts of Hassakeh is coinciding with the push to recapture Sinjar. □

IS suicide blast, roadside bomb hit Baghdad Shiites, killing 26

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Associated Press

BAGHDAD (AP) — The Islamic State group claimed responsibility for a suicide blast and a roadside bombing that targeted Shiites in Baghdad on Friday, killing a total of 26 people and wounding dozens.

The attacks came as Iraqi Kurdish militias, backed by U.S. airstrikes, seized the town of Sinjar from the Islamic State group in a major blow to the extremists. Following its blitz last year, the IS — which splintered off from Iraq's al-Qaida branch — now holds about a third of Iraq and neighboring Syria in its self-

declared caliphate.

The suicide bomber struck a memorial service held for a Shiite militia fighter killed in battle against IS in the Iraqi capital's southwestern suburb of Hay al-Amal, a police official told The Associated Press.

That explosion killed 21 people and wounded at least 46, he said.

The militia fighter was killed in battle against the militant group in Iraq's western Anbar province, the official added.

Also Friday in Baghdad, a roadside bomb detonated at a Shiite shrine in Sadr City, killing at least five people and wounding 15, police officials said. □



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Palestinian kills 2 Israelis; 2 Palestinians die in clashes



Israeli soldiers stand at the scene of a shooting attack near the West Bank city of Hebron, not far from the Jewish settlement of Otniel, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. A Palestinian gunman opened fire on Friday, killing an Israeli father and son as they were driving in the West Bank and wounding at least one other person in the car, Israeli officials said, the latest in a nearly two-month rash of violence and almost daily Palestinian attacks on Israeli civilians and soldiers.

(AP Photo/ Nasser Shiyoukhi)

NEBI QENA
Associated Press
JERUSALEM (AP) — A Palestinian gunman ambushed an Israeli family in the West Bank on Friday, killing a father and his son, while clashes with Israeli security forces in the territory killed two Palestinians in the latest escalation of violence.

According to the Israeli military, the Palestinian attacker opened fire as the family was driving near the West Bank city of Hebron, killing the father, who was in his 40s, and his 18-year-old son. It was the latest in a two-month wave of violence in which Palestinian assaults on Israeli civilians and soldiers have become an almost daily occurrence. Hebron, the largest West Bank city, has been a particular flashpoint in the current round of Israeli-Palestinian violence. Several hundred Jewish settlers live in fortified enclaves in the city, amid tens of thousands of Palestinians.

The military says that over the past month, Palestinians have carried out dozens of attacks in Hebron alone, including more than 20 stabbings, multiple assaults with cars and other vehicles and several shooting attacks.

Israeli media aired footage from the aftermath of the attack, showing a crashed car by the roadside. The reports said there were seven members of a West Bank settlement family in the car, driving home to celebrate the Jewish Sabbath when they were attacked. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu expressed condolences and vowed to hunt down the attackers. "We will find the despicable murderers and bring them to justice as we have in the past," he said in a statement.

Channel 10 released a dramatic audio of a call it said was from one of the passengers in the car calling rescue services as the attack unfolded. In the recording, a man's voice can be heard saying they have a passenger wounded in the head and that an ambulance from the Palestinian Red Crescent had arrived at the scene but sped away, leaving them there. The gunman used an AK-47 assault rifle and more than 10 bullets were fired, the TV station said, adding that he had accomplices. The military said the attacker fled the scene and that troops were searching the area.

Dr. Tzvi Perry from Soroka hospital in the southern Israeli town of Beersheba said "five wounded people from the same family" were brought to the hospital. The mother had light injuries to the chest and limbs; a son sustained a gunshot wound

in the leg and three young girls had minor scratches, he said.

Hamas, the Islamic militant group that rules Gaza, praised the attack but stopped short of claiming responsibility for it.

Since mid-September, most of the Palestinian attacks have been stabbings, targeting seemingly random pedestrians or people passing by, but Friday's attack appeared to be more carefully planned and executed.

It was reminiscent of a similar incident in October, when Palestinians shot and killed an Israeli couple in front of their four children, including a 4-months-old infant, as the family was driving in the West Bank. Israel's Shin Bet intelligence

agency later arrested five Palestinians it said were part of a Hamas cell that had carried out the attack. The current round of bloodshed was triggered by unrest at a major Jerusalem shrine revered by both Muslims and Jews, and quickly spread to Israel, the West Bank and the Gaza border. Israel has accused Palestinian political and religious leaders of inciting the violence that is glorified in detail on Palestinian social media sites. So far in the two months of violence, 14 Israelis have died, mostly in stabbing attacks, while 81 Palestinians have been killed. Israel says 51 of the Palestinians were involved in assaults and the rest died in clashes with security forces. □

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India's Modi meets queen, rallies fans on 2nd day of UK trip



Britain's Queen Elizabeth II walks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Buckingham Palace in London, on the second day of his visit to the UK, Friday Nov. 13, 2015. Modi is in Britain for three days of cultural events and high level political and business meetings.

(Dominic Lipinski / POOL via AP)

JILL LAWLESS
Associated Press

LONDON (AP) — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi lunched with Queen Elizabeth II and rallied thousands of cheering supporters on the second day of his high-profile official visit to Britain, as royal officials announced Prince William and his wife Kate will visit India next year.

Modi arrived at Buckingham Palace for lunch Friday in a Jaguar, the iconic British car brand owned by India's Tata Motors — a symbol of the close relationship between India and its former colonial ruler. Later, Modi was greeted as a celebrity by tens of thousands of supporters waving Indian flags and Union Jacks during a high-energy

rally at London's Wembley Stadium — more usually home to rock concerts and England's national soccer team. He was introduced on-stage by Prime Minister David Cameron, who has often been by Modi's side on the trip, a sign of how important Britain considers the visit. The crowd cheered when

Cameron said, "it won't be long before there's a British Indian prime minister in Downing Street."

Modi's ambitious plans to modernize India and his pro-business agenda have won him many fans among the 1.5 million people of Indian origin in Britain.

"In a country that has suffered a lot because of corruption and misadministration, Modi is regarded as someone who is a clean politician and is somebody who delivers," said Manoj Ladwa of the Europe India Forum, which organized the Wembley rally.

But the Hindu nationalist politician has also been met by protests from Sikhs, Muslims, human rights groups and others who accuse him of failing to stop growing religious intolerance and violence in India. Britain and India have announced major business deals and cultural exchanges during Modi's trip, which ends Saturday, including an Indian tour for historic British texts such as the Magna Carta and the opening of a Madame Tussauds wax museum in New Delhi.

And on Friday William and Kate's Kensington Palace

office said the royal couple would make their first visit to India in spring 2016.

Modi is being treated to full British pomp and ceremony on the three-day visit. On Thursday he was welcomed by ranks of Scots Guards, saw a ceremonial fly-past by the Royal Air Force Red Arrows aerobatic team and gave a speech to Parliament before spending the night at Prime Minister David Cameron's country retreat Chequers.

Cameron said Modi's visit cemented a "modern, dynamic partnership" between the world's fifth-largest economy — Britain — and India, which will soon rank third.

The two countries have announced 9 billion pounds (\$14 billion) in business deals, including a 2 billion pound British investment in solar power in India and more than 1 billion pounds' worth of London-issued bonds to fund the expansion of India's rail network and other projects.

Modi swept to power in 2014 on promises to develop India's economy and root out the corruption and incompetence that had crippled the previous government. □

Poland's president officially designates new prime minister

VANESSA GERA
Associated Press

WARSAW, Poland (AP) — Poland's president officially designated Beata Szydlo from the right-wing Law and Justice party the country's new prime minister on Friday, largely a formality since the new government's make-up has been known for days.

The Euroskeptic party won a parliamentary majority in an election nearly three weeks ago. Cabinet appointees were announced

on Monday. President Andrzej Duda, who comes from the same party, formally designated Szydlo in a ceremony in Warsaw at the presidential palace on Friday, kissing her on the hand and cheeks and presenting her with flowers.

It is the start of a new political era in Poland, with both houses of parliament and the presidency controlled by Law and Justice, and with the party leader and founder, former Prime Minister Jaroslaw Kaczynski,

clearly holding huge power within the party.

Many of the government appointments are Kaczynski's longtime allies, creating the impression that he, rather than Szydlo, is calling the shots. During Friday's ceremony Duda turned to Kaczynski and paid homage to him, praising him as a political "visionary" for taking the risk of choosing himself and Szydlo candidates for the country's top political jobs. The party, viewed as too radical by

many Poles, was out of power for eight years but swept back into office this year with Kaczynski putting up Duda and Szydlo, younger candidates with more moderate images, rather than running himself for either post.

"You are a great strategist," Duda told him. "But I must also add that you are a great man." Szydlo's government will be sworn in Monday, completing a major power shift in Poland after the centrist and pro-

European Civic Platform party lost both presidential and parliamentary elections this year to Law and Justice. The outgoing prime minister, Ewa Kopacz, resigned Thursday as the newly-elected parliament convened for the first time. Kopacz also announced Friday that she would not remain as the leader of Civic Platform. She said she would not take part in upcoming leadership elections within the party for the sake of its unity. □



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Venezuela drug scandal reverberates as elections kick off

HANNAH DREIER
Associated press

CARACAS, Venezuela (AP)

— It's the story of the year or no story at all, depending on where one falls on Venezuela's hyper-polarized political spectrum.

Venezuelan officials kept silent Friday on the arrest this week of two nephews of first lady Cilia Flores on U.S. drug trafficking charges.

The South American country's opposition leaders, meanwhile, made the news the focus of their rallies to mark the launch of the campaign season for crucial Dec. 6 congressional elections.

The two young men were arrested in Haiti on Tuesday on charges of conspiring to smuggle cocaine into the United States. They are being held in New York without bail.

The opposition hammered on the scandal on Friday during nationwide events celebrating the official start of the fight for control of congress — a battle that polls indicate the government may lose badly. Opposition leaders said the ar-

rests had shocked the nation and showed the need for change after 16 years of socialist rule.

The most hard line party in the opposition coalition, Popular Will, referred to the arrests in its slogan for the campaign launch: "Today we start the shift from narco state to a better Venezuela." U.S. prosecutors have investigated several high-level Venezuelan officials for drug and corruption charges, but this week's arrests marks the first time President Nicolas Maduro's inner circle has been directly implicated. Even many government critics were surprised because they tend to see Maduro, the hand-picked successor to late President Hugo Chavez, as incompetent but not especially corrupt. Neither Maduro nor any other governing official has commented on the arrests, and national media has largely blacked out the news. One of the country's largest daily newspapers reported on the drug bust, but left out any connection to the first family. □



Opposition members cheer during a campaign rally for congressional candidates, in Caracas, Venezuela, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. The process for the Dec. 6 legislative elections enters the final stretch with the formal start of the campaign in the midst of a complex economic crisis, and the recent scandal involving two nephews of first lady Cilia Flores on U.S. drug trafficking charges.

(AP Photo/Fernando Llano)

Wild gun battle kills 4 bystanders in Mexico border city of Reynosa

MEXICO CITY (AP)

— A wild running gun battle between Mexican soldiers and gunmen in the border city of Reynosa resulted in the deaths of four bystanders after a military vehicle took a spray of gunfire and crashed into a taco stand. The dead were apparently customers at the taco stand in Reynosa, across the border from McAllen, Texas. They included a 20-year-old mother and her 4-month-old baby.

Four other bystanders were wounded, as were an unspecified number of army personnel.

The government of the

northern state of Tamaulipas said Thursday in a press statement that it regretted the deaths, and blamed the gunmen for the attack. The army patrol was pursuing a five-vehicle convoy of armed suspects late Wednesday when a sport utility vehicle unexpectedly joined the confrontation. Occupants of the SUV shot out the windshield of a military patrol truck and crashed into it. The force of the impact and the loss of visibility from the shot-out windshield led the military vehicle to crash into the stand and two nearby vehicles. □

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US agriculture secretary visits Cuba to build trade momentum

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Associated Press
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(AP) — U.S. Agriculture Sec-

communist island before
 President Barack Obama
 leaves office.
 Inside both governments,

reluctance to open to the
 U.S. before Washington
 does away with more of
 the embargo.

middle of next year.
 The Obama administration
 has said it is considering
 a new set of regulations
 further loosening the em-
 bargo, which is imposed
 by U.S. law. Cuban officials
 told reporters this week
 they expected deals on
 regularly scheduled flights,
 anti-drug cooperation and
 environmental protection
 by around the end of the
 year.

Vilsack on Wednesday be-
 came the third U.S. Cabi-
 net secretary to visit Cuba
 this year, holding a series
 of meetings with Cuban
 officials on topics like fruit
 and vegetable export cer-
 tification and field inspec-
 tions aimed at laying the
 groundwork for future agri-
 cultural trade between the
 U.S. and Cuba.

"This happens with every
 country we deal with," Vil-
 sack told reporters at the
 U.S. Embassy on Friday af-
 ternoon. "We're encourag-
 ing that process to begin
 now because it does take
 time. Our interest in this is
 a reflection of our interest in
 ensuring, as the president
 desires, that the embargo
 gets lifted and we actually
 have two-way trade."

Cuba's agricultural pro-
 ductivity has plummeted
 since its 1959 revolution
 and ordinary Cubans'
 strongest complaints are
 about the high prices and
 low quality of basic foods.
 The Cuban government
 almost entirely blames the
 U.S. embargo, but out-
 side experts point to the
 inefficiency of the cen-
 trally controlled economy,
 which has a monopoly on
 many staple foods.

U.S. food sales to Cuba
 have been allowed for
 more than a decade, but
 the island's purchases
 have plummeted in recent
 years. Cuba says a bar on
 credit from U.S. producers
 has made it easier to buy
 from countries such as Bra-
 zil and Spain.

"They're trying to do as
 much as they can to get
 the United States to nor-
 malize relations," said Paul
 Johnson, co-chairman of
 the U.S. Agriculture Coal-
 ition for Cuba. "It's going
 to be a tough haul until at
 least the credit issue is re-
 solved." Vilsack was host-
 ed by Cuban Agriculture
 Minister Gustavo Rodríguez
 Rollero, who declined to
 speak with the press.



U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Thomas Vilsack, right, talks to farmers as Senator Jeff Merkley, of Oregon, sits at the wheel of an old tractor used by farmers at the Guira De Melenas cooperative organic farm in Guira De Melenas, Cuba, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Vilsack is on a four-day visit to Cuba to try to boost agricultural trade.

(AP Photo/Desmond Boylan)

retary Tom Vilsack spent Fri-
 day morning discussing soil
 management and crop
 diseases at a cooperative
 farm in central Cuba, part
 of an American push to
 cement detente with the

advocates of a closer re-
 lationship are struggling
 against obstacles that in-
 clude the U.S. trade em-
 bargo on Cuba, resistance
 among Cuban-Americans
 in Congress and a Cuban

Both sides have been push-
 ing to create momentum
 as the first anniversary of
 the declaration of detente
 nears, and with Obama
 hoping to make a victori-
 ous trip to the island by the

Puerto Rico lawmakers seek to limit powers of fiscal board

DANICA COTO
Associated Press
SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico
(AP) — Puerto Rico legisla-

tors have watered down
 the powers of a proposed
 fiscal control board that
 aims to stabilize the U.S.
 territory's finances and ap-
 pease bondholders amid
 an economic crisis.

The island's House of Rep-
 resentatives approved a
 measure late Thursday that
 would create a supervisory
 board after voting in fa-
 vor of some of the dozens
 of amendments that the

Senate had previously ap-
 proved that would strip the
 board of most of its powers.
 Legislators debated the
 measure as some mem-
 bers of the public held a
 sign that read, "Puerto
 Rico is not for sale."

One amendment would
 allow the board to en-
 dorse but not approve an
 upcoming five-year fis-
 cal reform plan. Another
 change would let the
 board review government
 agencies' budgets but not
 modify them.

The watered-down bill is a

blow to the original mea-
 sure that Gov. Alejandro
 Garcia Padilla submitted
 as the U.S. territory strug-
 gles to restructure \$72 bil-
 lion in public debt that he
 has said is unpayable.

Melba Acosta, president
 of Puerto Rico's Govern-
 ment Development Bank,
 said earlier this week that
 creditors have informally
 demanded a fiscal con-
 trol board, and that some
 of them seek a federal
 government-appointed
 board. Puerto Rico has
 been struggling with a

nearly decade-long eco-
 nomic slump, and the
 bank has warned that of-
 ficials will likely have to cut
 back on public services or
 default on debts before
 year's end because it is
 running out of money.

Despite the push from
 creditors for a powerful fis-
 cal control board, several
 legislators maintain that
 they have the right to exer-
 cise power over it.

"This is not the Washing-
 ton, D.C. or Detroit board,"
 Senate President Eduardo
 Bhatia said Wednesday

after the Senate approved
 the amended bill before
 it went to the House for
 review. "This board does
 not control anything, will
 not decide anything. It will
 observe. The legislative
 assembly will be the one
 making decisions."

Puerto Rico's Senate will
 review the amended bill
 in upcoming days. If it
 disagrees with the new
 amendments, the bill will
 go to a conference com-
 mittee, said Oliver Otero,
 spokesman for the House
 of Representatives.



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Spectators invade the pitch of the Stade de France stadium after the international friendly soccer France against Germany, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015 in Saint Denis, outside Paris. At least 35 people were killed in shootings and explosions around Paris, many of them in a popular theater where patrons were taken hostage, police and medical officials said Friday. Two explosions were heard outside the Stade de France stadium.

(AP Photo/Michel Euler)

Fans Stay Calm Amid Chilling Attack At Stade De France

JEROME PUGMIRE

AP Sports Writer

PARIS (AP) — As news of bloodshed filtered through the crowd and police sirens wailed outside, thousands of soccer fans milled around the Stade de France, reluctant to leave the seemingly safe stadium. The spectators didn't panic, despite hearing the

sounds of explosions from outside — part of the carnage unfolding in the city that left dozens killed in multiple acts of violence. But there was plenty of unease and tension. During the first half of France's soccer match against Germany on Friday, two explosions went off nearby. The first, at around

9:20 p.m., was a short and crisp bang.

"We heard them, but we thought they were home-made devices or fireworks," soccer fan Frederic Lavergne told The Associated Press as he left the stadium.

"We had no idea at the time what it was."

The next "bang" followed

only minutes later, clearly audible as it ripped through the chill air.

The noise inside the stadium was low at that point, since there was little excitement in the game, and the sounds of the sirens outside were loud and clear. So was the whirling sounds of the police helicopter buzzing overhead.

By the end of the match, which France won 2-0, the mood was one of silent contemplation as news filtered in through mobile phones and social networks relaying the carnage outside.

What would otherwise have been a celebration of France's win became a night of worry. □

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Bjerregaard shoots 66 to open 3-stroke lead at BMW Masters

JUSTIN BERGMAN
Associated Press

SHANGHAI (AP) — Lucas Bjerregaard is learning how to deal with the pressure of playing from the front, and closing in on a maiden European Tour title, too.

The Dane heads into the weekend with a three-stroke lead at the BMW Masters after carding a 6-under 66 in Friday's second round.

Bjerregaard trailed overnight leader Sergio Garcia for much of the day before surging into the lead with three birdies in his last four holes to match his opening-round score. He's now shot below 70 in 12 of his last 13 rounds since mid-October, going a combined 47 under.

Garcia, meanwhile, ran into trouble on his back nine on a cold, blustery day at Lake Malaren Golf Club. He bogeyed No. 12 and hit into the water on No. 13 for a double-bogey,



Lucas Bjerregaard of Denmark makes a putt on the 9th hole during the second round of the BMW Masters golf tournament at the Lake Malaren Golf Club in Shanghai, China Friday, Nov. 13, 2015.

(AP Photo)

falling four strokes back.

The Spaniard recovered to shoot a 71 and tie for second place at 9 under with Thongchai Jaidee (68).

Bjerregaard has been in top form this autumn, posting four top-10 finishes on the European Tour and falling just short of capturing his first title at the Hong Kong Open three weeks ago. Playing in the final group, the 24-year-old Dane led Justin Rose by a stroke down the stretch before a double-bogey gave victory to the Englishman. Still, it was a far better finish than the last time Bjerregaard played in the final group on a Sunday at the Alfred Dunhill Championship last December — he collapsed with a 17-over 89 in the final round.

"It was nice in Hong Kong to prove to myself and prove to everyone else that I can still compete up there, so hopefully I can do that again this week and

just come up one place better than last time," Bjerregaard said.

Ian Poulter (68), Paul Casey (69) and An Byeong-hun (71) were tied for fourth at 8 under on Friday, while Peter Uihlein (66) sank seven straight birdies to jump into a tie for seventh at 7 under with Ross Fisher (71).

Playing alongside Bjerregaard, Uihlein began his birdie spree on the par-5 15th hole and narrowly missed matching the European Tour record of eight consecutive birdies when his 20-foot putt on the par-3 fourth hole slid just to the right of the cup.

Uihlein started the day in a tie for 48th place but is suddenly only five strokes off the pace going into the weekend.

"It was weird. I was level-par going into 15, 1 over for the day, and I felt like I played 24 holes really, really well," the American said. □

Minjee Lee leads LPGA Tour's Lorena Ochoa Invitational

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Minjee Lee shot her second straight 3-under 69 on Friday to take a one-stroke lead over four players in the LPGA Tour's Lorena Ochoa Invitational.

The 19-year-old Australian player two-putted from 50 feet on the par-5 17th for the last of her six birdies at tree-lined Club de Golf Mexico. She won at Kingsmill in May for her first LPGA Tour title. "There's nothing different I'm going to do on the golf course," Lee said. "I'm going to stick to my

golf and take it one shot at a time. ... Still, two rounds to go and that's a long way." Second-ranked Inbee Park, defending champion Christina Kim, Angela Stanford and rookie of the year Sei Young Kim were tied for second in the 36-player event. Park, the first-round leader, had a 71. Christina Kim and Sei Young Kim each shot 66, and Stanford had a 70.

Park is making her first start since withdrawing in China two weeks ago because of a cyst on her left middle fin-

ger. The South Korean star made a 20-foot eagle putt on the par-5 second, and had three birdies and four bogeys. "Not a great striking game today, but I still feel really good about the putter," Park said. "Just a few bad shots, too many bogeys." She struggled with distance control in the high altitude. "Whenever I hit it on line is over, and whenever I get the distance right is left or right," Park said. "It's tough with the altitude and I've been really struggling. I'm just trying to get

used to it."

She has four victories this season, winning two of the five majors.

Sei Young Kim, also from South Korea, won the event two weeks ago in China for her third victory of the season. Stanford is coming off playoff loss to Sun-Ju Ahn last week in the Asian Swing finale in Japan. The American won the inaugural tournament in 2008 in Guadalajara.

Last year, Christina Kim beat Shanshan Feng on the second hole off a play-

off after losing a five-stroke lead in the final round.

"It's just everything about this place, the people, the culture, the food, there's nothing negative you could really say about this tournament," Christina Kim said. "It's just wonderful."

Norway's Suzann Pettersen was sixth at 4 under after a 71. Top-ranked Lydia Ko is skipping the tournament to rest for her title defense next week in the season-ending CME Group Tour Championship in Naples, Florida. □

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Rousey's fear of failure key to beating Holm in Melbourne

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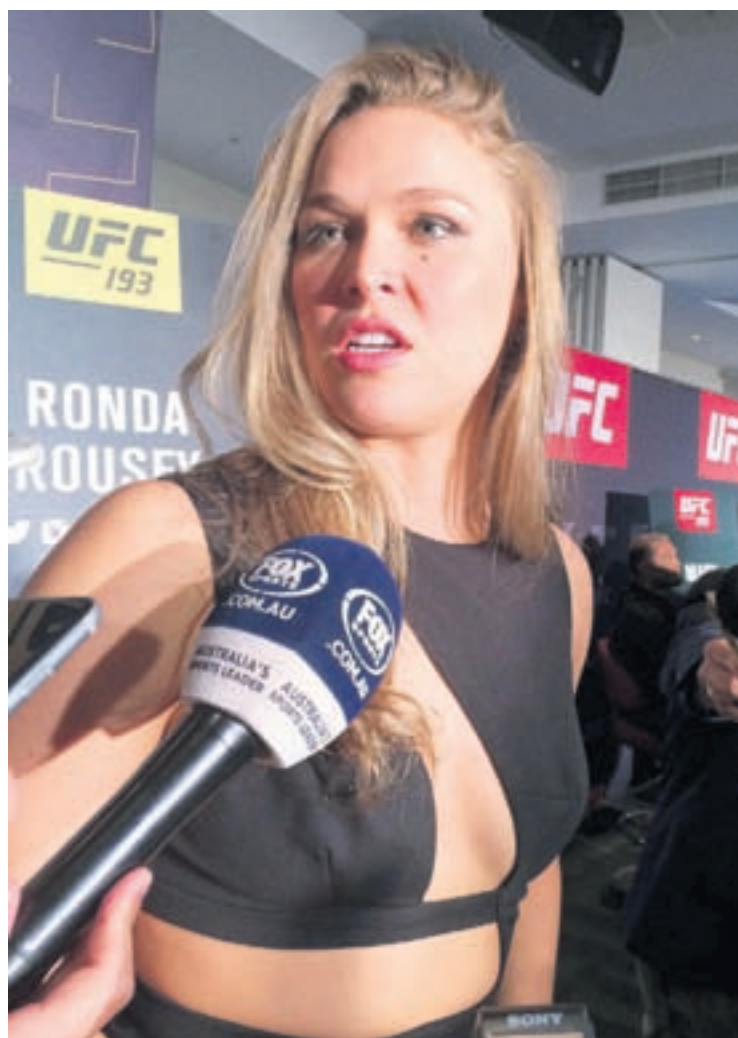
(AP) — Ronda Rousey says it's her fear of failure that guarantees she'll win Sunday when she defends her UFC bantamweight title against Holly Holm in front of a projected-record Melbourne crowd.

Just eight months after Australia's Victoria state lifted its ban on cage fighting, the UFC has brought its showcase UFC 193 event Down Under, with the Rousey-Holm fight as its main event.

Undefeated through 12 UFC bouts, including seven successful title defenses, the former judo Olympian says her fear of failure is bigger than anyone's.

"I've endured the worse losses possible. I lost the finals at the (judo) world championships when I wanted to be world champ like my mother (1984 champion AnnMaria De Mars)," Rousey said. "My dream since I was a little kid was to win at the Olympics and I failed twice.

"Nobody knows what failure feels like more than I do and that's why I'm the person who walks in there willing to die in order to win.



Ronda Rousey of the U.S. talks about her upcoming UFC bantamweight title match against Holly Holm in Melbourne, Australia, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Just eight months after Australia's Victoria state lifted its ban on cage fighting, the UFC has brought its showcase UFC 193 event Down Under, with the Rousey-Holm fight as its main event.

(AP Photo Neil Frankland)

And that's why I am always going to win, because I know how it feels."

Rousey, who has become one of the most prominent U.S. female athletes after

winning her last three bouts in a combined 64 seconds, said she'd "rather die and go bankrupt than ever walk out of there not the winner."

"For every other girl in the division, it's easier for them to lose and go home with a paycheck. ... I'm going to walk out of there the winner every single time. I've lost enough in my life."

The UFC 193 main card also features a straw-weight title bout between Poland's Joanna Jedrzejczyk and Canadian Valerie Letourneau, as well as men's heavyweights Mark Hunt and Antonio Silva, and middleweights Uriah Hall and Robert Whittaker.

Melbourne's Etihad Stadium has been transformed from a 56,000-seat Australian rules football venue to an auditorium holding close to 75,000 seats for the event and a full house would easily eclipse the 55,724 fans who attended UFC 129 at Toronto's Rogers Centre in 2011.

Holm says her focus will be on Rousey rather than the crowd

"I don't even think I'll look around. I think I'm just going to focus on the cage because that's where the work needs to be done," she said. "I know they're there to watch but it's not just the people in the stands, there will be people all over the world watching it."

If the enthusiastic turnout to an open workout for the fighters in Melbourne's downtown Wednesday is any indication, a record crowd could be in the off-

ing.

"Our workouts yesterday was a real touching experience," Rousey said. "It was bigger than any open workout I've ever had before and great to see how the people here have embraced us, even though none of the people on the main event fights are Australian."

"I'm so glad we picked here to try and beat the UFC attendance record."

To cater to the UFC's regular Saturday night television slot, the card will begin Sunday morning in Melbourne, with the main card scheduled to begin at 2 p.m. local time (10 p.m. EST).

Rousey says more than ready to cope with the taking to the ring mid-afternoon rather than late at night, with her fight-day already mapped out.

"I want to wake up, eat something, go back to sleep, and then wake up, do my hair, change, come over here, take another nap, wake up, warm up, go beat up Holly, and go eat some wings and go to sleep," she said.

For a woman who admits she never needs to work again and is being courted by Hollywood executives, Rousey has a decidedly modest plan to reward herself if she successfully defends her UFC bantamweight title against Holly Holm on Sunday.

"I want to get some vertical gardens in my house," Rousey said Friday when asked what she'd treat herself to with her prize money. "I don't think they're that expensive though. □

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Rex's place: Bills beat Jets in Ryan's return, 22-17

BARRY WILNER

AP Pro Football Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, New Jersey (AP) — Buffalo coach Rex Ryan made a successful return to the Meadowlands to take on his old team as the Bills beat the

New York Jets 22-17 on Thursday.

Buffalo's defense shut down the Jets and the Bills scored on offense and special teams to move level with New York on 5-4 win-loss records in the AFC East

division.

Duke Williams returned a fumbled kickoff 19 yards for the go-ahead points, rookie Karlos Williams had a 26-yard touchdown catch and Dan Carpenter kicked

side the Bills 10-yard line in the final minutes, he celebrated with some vigorous fist pumps, and repeated them when Bacarri Rambo clinched it with a last-minute interception.

goal to make it 3-3.

Duke Williams added to that immediately, scooping up a fumble by rookie Devin Smith on the first kickoff return of his career. Williams scooted 9 yards

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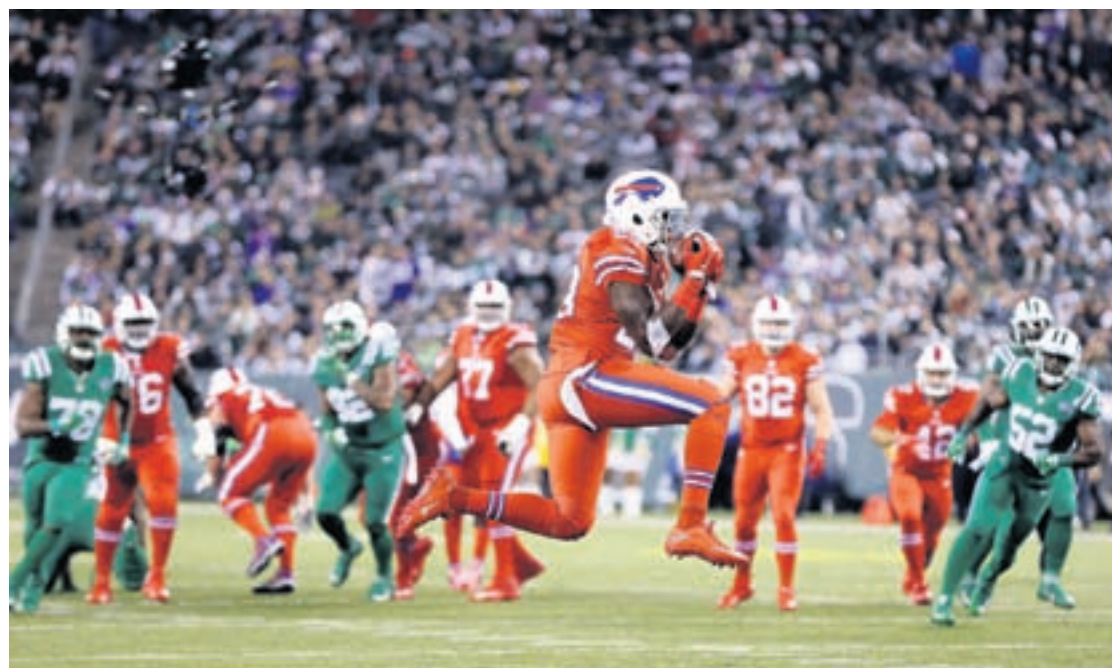


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Buffalo Bills running back Karlos Williams makes a touchdown catch against the New York Jets during the second half of an NFL football game, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015, in East Rutherford, N.J. (AP Photo/Seth Wenig)

three field goals. Buffalo's offense made just enough key plays and held off a late surge by the Jets after Ryan Fitzpatrick threw for two touchdowns. Ryan was fired by the Jets after six seasons and immediately hired by Buffalo last January. When his defense stopped the Jets in-

The early action was dominated by some fierce defense. New York's blitzes kept Bills quarterback Tyrod Taylor off-balance, and Buffalo got its first three points thanks to Corey Graham's interception off a bobble by Jets receiver Brandon Marshall. Carpenter kicked a 47-yard field

for a 9-3 lead, but Carpenter missed the extra point wide left. Carpenter added a 41-yard field goal to make 12-3 at halftime, then kicked a 29-yarder midway in the third period after Chris Ivory's fumble. New York's turnover issued completely turned the game in Buffalo's favor. □

Jets sign former Olympic discus man Okoye

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — From tossing the discus to throwing blocks.

The New York Jets signed former British record-holding discus thrower Lawrence Okoye, who competed in the 2012 London Olympics, to the practice squad Friday as an offensive lineman.

The 6-foot-6, 304-pound Okoye put his discus career on hold in 2013 to pursue an NFL career despite never having played football in high school or college. He

was signed as undrafted defensive lineman by San Francisco that same year. Okoye spent his rookie season on injured reserve with a knee injury and was on the 49ers' practice squad last year. He was cut after training camp this summer and signed to Arizona's practice squad in September — also as a defensive lineman. He was cut Oct. 21.

The Jets also re-signed defensive tackle T.J. Barnes to the practice squad, and released cornerback Jeremy Harris.

The 24-year-old Okoye is clearly a project as he'll be transitioning to a new position with New York.

But his size and power are clearly intriguing to NFL teams. He was a winger in junior rugby union as a teenager before focusing on discus.

Okoye, who set the British record in the discus at 223 feet, 10 inches (68.24 meters), won a gold medal at the 2011 European Championships at age 19. He qualified for the finals in the event in 2012 in London, where he finished 12th. □

NHL Capsules:

Rangers score early and often to beat Blues 6-3

NEW YORK (AP) — The New York Rangers scored three goals in the first period to lay the foundation for a 6-3 victory over St. Louis on Friday in a predictably high-scoring encounter between two of the early-season pacesetters in the NHL.

The Rangers remained four points clear atop the Metropolitan Division while the Blues dropped three points behind Central Division leader Dallas, which beat Winnipeg by the same 6-3 scoreline.

Elsewhere, Los Angeles had a tight win against the New York Islanders, and Ottawa edged Vancouver for its first win in regulation time at home this season.

New York's Derick Brassard, Mats Zuccarello and Kevin Hayes all scored in the first period, and J.T. Miller, Ryan McDonagh and Dan Girardi also netted for the Rangers, who are the highest-scoring team in the league.

Dmitrij Jaskin, Vladimir Tarasenko and Troy Brouwer scored for St. Louis, which had won its previous three games.

Dallas' Jamie Benn scored the tiebreaking goal on a third-period power play and the Stars pulled away to defeat Winnipeg 6-3.

Antoine Roussel and Vernon Fiddler added emp-

ty-net goals, Ales Hemsky had a goal and two assists while John Klingberg and Colton Sceviour had a goal and an assist for the Stars.

Tyler Myers' first goal this season had tied the game 3-3 at 9:17 of the third. Blake Wheeler and Jacob Trouba also scored for the Jets.

Los Angeles goaltender Jhonas Enroth stayed unbeaten in a Kings uniform with 31 saves, as the hosts beat the Islanders 2-1.

Enroth has yielded two goals over his first three starts in place of Jonathan Quick, racking up a .979 save percentage. He was outstanding during a prolonged third-period penalty kill.

Drew Doughty and Milan Lucic scored for the Pacific Division-leading Kings. Brock Nelson scored an early goal for New York, which has scored more than two goals only once in its past eight games.

Ottawa's Bobby Ryan and Chris Wideman had power-play goals as the Senators beat Vancouver 3-2.

Erik Karlsson also scored for the Senators.

Sven Baertschi and Alexander Edler scored for the Canucks, who have played four of seven games on their current road trip.

Curry still hot as Warriors down Timberwolves, improve to 10-0

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Golden State's Stephen Curry scored 21 points in the first quarter to set up another dominant performance personally and by his team as the Warriors won 129-116 at Minnesota on Thursday to make it 10 straight wins to start the season.

In the day's other two games, reserve Tyler Johnson sank two key late baskets to give Miami the narrowest of wins against Utah, and Phoenix rolled past a depleted Los Angeles Clippers lineup.

Curry, the reigning league

MVP, bit 15 of 25 shots, including 8 of 13 3-pointers, to finish with 46 points.

Draymond Green had 23 points, 12 assists and eight rebounds for the Warriors, who are the fourth defending champion to start the season with at least 10 straight wins.

Karl-Anthony Towns had 17 points and 11 rebounds for the Timberwolves, who have lost all four home games this season while winning all four away. Ricky Rubio missed his second straight game with a strained left hamstring. □



New York Rangers defenseman Ryan McDonagh (27) trips over St. Louis Blues right wing Vladimir Tarasenko (91), of Russia, as Rangers left wing Rick Nash (61) block the puck in front of the Rangers' goal in the third period of an NHL hockey game in New York, Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015. The Rangers defeated the Blues 6-3.

(AP Photo/Kathy Willens)

New Jersey's Sergey Kalinin scored a power-play goal with 2:27 left to give the Devils a 3-2 win against Chicago and their second victory over the defending Stanley Cup champions inside a week.

With Patrick Kane off for

high sticking, Blackhawks goalie Corey Crawford stopped Kyle Palmieri's shot from the left circle but Kalinin was alone at the edge of the crease and slipped the rebound in the net.

Adam Henrique and Palmieri had scored in the sec-

ond to put New Jersey ahead.

Chicago rookie Artemi Panarin scored from a sharp angle with 6:41 left in the third. Kane assisted on that one and scored a 5-on-3 goal in the first to extend his point streak to 11 games. □



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Arjen Robben double seals 3-2 win for Netherlands in Wales

CARDIFF, Wales (AP) — Arjen Robben scored twice to lead the Netherlands to a 3-2 victory against Wales in a friendly match in Cardiff on Friday.

The Netherlands, which failed to qualify for next year's European Championship in France, went ahead through striker Bas Dost's header after 32 min-

utes.

Joe Ledley equalized for the hosts on the stroke of halftime, converting a rebound after Netherlands goalkeeper Jasper Cillessen parried a penalty by Joe Allen.

Robben restored the visitors' lead nine minutes into the second half, before Wales leveled again on

70 through a header from midfielder Emyr Huws.

But Robben won the match with his second goal in the 81st minute, racing clear of the Wales defense and slotting past goalkeeper Owain Fon Williams with a composed finish.

Wales coach Chris Coleman, who is preparing for

his team to play at the Euros next year, was encouraged by his squad's display despite the defeat. Wales was missing its two biggest stars in Gareth Bale and Aaron Ramsey, through injury.

"We scored two goals without Bale and Ramsey, which is a big thing when you look at who was get-

ting the goals for us in the qualification campaign," Coleman said. "We are building and these lads need minutes if they are to come with us to France."

Netherlands coach Danny Blind was pleased with the response from his players in the team's first match since missing out on next year's championship. □

Spain beats England 2-0 thanks to Gaspar's superb volley

ALICANTE, Spain (AP) — Mario Gaspar scored with a remarkable spinning volley from the top of the area to lead Spain to a 2-0 win over England in a friendly on Friday, handing the English their first loss in nearly a year and a half.

After a high pass by Cesc Fabregas in the 71st minute, Gaspar swiveled his body and struck a right-footed acrobatic volley to send the ball into the top corner past England goalkeeper Joe Hart, who could only watch it fly over his outstretched arms.

"It was one of the best goals of my life," Gaspar said. "The ball went where it had to go. These types of goals don't come often, but it happened when it had to happen."

It was the second goal in as many matches with Spain's national team for the Villarreal right back. He had scored in his international debut in a European qualifier against Ukraine last month.

"I'm thrilled, I know this



England's Ryan Bertrand, left, jumps for the ball with Spain's Mario Gaspar during an international friendly soccer match between Spain and England at the Rico Perez Stadium in Alicante, Spain, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. (AP Photo/Alberto Saiz)

is not very common," he said. "It was a special game for me."

Santi Cazorla sealed Spain's victory with a low shot from outside the area in the 84th.

The result put an end to

England's 15-game unbeaten streak, which dated back to the 2014 World Cup in Brazil. It had won 12 games, including all 10 in Euro 2016 qualifying, and drawn three times, including in friendlies against Italy

and Ireland this year.

The game in the southeastern city of Alicante featured two teams that will be under the spotlight at next year's European Championship — with Spain bidding for a third

consecutive European title and England hoping to build on its impressive run in qualifying.

Both squads were depleted by injuries, though, and couldn't fully measure up to expectations. Spain coach Vicente Del Bosque was missing Sergio Ramos, Francisco "Isco" Alarcon, David Silva, Juanfran Torres and Dani Carvajal, among others, while England manager Roy Hodgson was without forwards Theo Walcott, Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain, Daniel Sturridge and Danny Welbeck and chose not to start Wayne Rooney.

To make things worse for Del Bosque, midfielder Thiago Alcantara had to be substituted by Cazorla because of a knee injury in the 25th, while Hodgson lost midfielder Michael Carrick in injury time.

Spain controlled possession and had most of the significant scoring chances throughout the match at the Jose Rico Perez Stadium. □

Belgium celebrates No. 1 ranking with 3-1 win over Italy

RAF CASERT
Associated Press

BRUSSELS (AP) — Kevin De Bruyne scored one goal and added an assist in Belgium's 3-1 victory over Italy which underscored its position as FIFA's top-ranked team and further established it as a leading challenger for next year's European Championship. After Antonio Candreva gave Italy an early lead, Belgium came back with goals from Jan Vertong-

hen, De Bruyne and Michy Batshuayi in a sparkling performance.

By the end of game, Belgium was toying with the Azzurri, a four-time World Cup winner clearly looking in need of rebuilding ahead of next year's tournament in France.

Belgium, meanwhile, continues to impress with a cast of players that dominate the English Premier league and have a big impact in the French and

Italian leagues too.

And even in the absence of injured goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois, Simon Mignolet proved he is an adequate replacement with several key saves when the game was still tight.

"I have an excellent goalie," Belgium coach Marc Wilmots.

Italy took the lead in the third minute when Graziano Pelle tested Migolet with a low drive and Can-

dreva swooped in ahead of the flatfooted Belgian defense to slot home the rebound.

But the Azzurri couldn't live up to their reputation for being the best to protect any lead. After 13 minutes, De Bruyne placed a curling corner kick on the forehead of the unmarked Vertonghen and the bouncing header from the defender left Gianluigi Buffon with no chance.

And in the 74th, Leonardo Bonucci gave away the ball in defense and De Bruyne capitalized by bouncing it past Buffon.

Belgium capped its comeback when Yannick Carrasco and Batshuayi combined through the center for another excellent goal.

"The spirit of the group is perfect," Wilmots said. "Collectively, we kept our cool, came back, and won." □

Tech Review: 5 things to know about Apple's new iPad Pro

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NEW YORK (AP) — The first thing you need to know about Apple's iPad Pro is that it's, well, giant.

About an inch longer than a standard sheet of paper, the Pro features a 12.9-inch diagonal display, giving it 78 percent more surface area than the 9.7-inch iPad Air 2. At nearly 1.6 pounds, the Pro is heavier than current models, but not much more so than the original iPad from 2010. There's room for four speakers, compared with two on other iPads.

The price is supersized, too. The iPad Pro starts at \$799, compared with \$499 for the standard-size iPad Air 2 and \$269 for the cheapest iPad, the 2-year-old iPad Mini 2. A physical keyboard from Apple costs \$169 extra, and the Apple Pencil sells for \$99.

Designed with professionals in mind, the Pro is Apple's way of reaching new consumers as sales of iPads — and tablets in general — decline. Here are some things to know as the Pro starts appearing in stores this week:

THE PRO ISN'T FOR EVERYONE

Many people will be fine with the standard iPad Air, while others will prefer the portability of the smaller iPad Mini.

The Pro is for those who need the larger screen, including people who write, build spreadsheets or edit graphics and video rather than primarily reading or

playing games. These are people who might otherwise be lugging around a

Where the Pro has the potential to excel is with artistic apps. Doodling, sketch-

screen space to work with — nearly two standard-size iPads side by side. Pho-

and it's bound to change as software developers update their apps. The collaboration app Slack, for instance, creates a new column with menu options on the Pro. But for now such apps are more the exception than the rule.

GET THE KEYBOARD AND STYLUS

Although they'll push up the cost, you'll want to buy the Apple Pencil and a physical keyboard. Many of the Pro's unique characteristics require one or both. Otherwise, you're effectively buying a crippled device that's capable of so much more with the right tools.

Apple's Smart Keyboard serves as both a cover when stowing the iPad and a kickstand when using it, though you can't adjust the angle. Typing is much easier with a real keyboard, and having it restores many shortcuts common on Macs, such as command-C for copy. The keys don't feel as natural as they do on a laptop, but that could simply take more than a few hours of testing to get used to. One nice touch: The keys are completely sealed, in case you spill a drink on it. □



The new iPad Pro with a Smart Keyboard is displayed following an Apple event in San Francisco. Designed with professionals in mind, the Pro comes as Apple looks for ways to reach new markets as sales in iPads, and tablets in general, decline. (AP Photo/Eric Risberg)

laptop. If you're using a tablet just to watch Netflix, the Pro might be overkill, though movies and TV shows look and sound nicer.

IT'S NOT A LAPTOP

For writing, the Pro features Microsoft Word and Apple's Pages. But do you need a tablet for that? The desktop version of both apps can do far more, including keeping multiple documents open at once. The Pro is more for those times you want to leave the laptop behind, but might still need to write an email or touch up a report. The physical keyboard makes all that faster.

ing and painting work better with fingers and a stylus than with a keyboard and trackpad. But apps on tablets have streamlined features designed to let you complete specific tasks quickly. More advanced features require a PC. The iPad lacks a USB port, though you can buy an adapter. And it's designed for one user. Many other tablets and laptops support profiles, so many people can share a device with separate settings and even restrictions for children.

A BIGGER SCREEN ISN'T ALWAYS BETTER

The Pro has plenty of

tos, video and magazines come to life on the larger screen.

But in other respects the Pro doesn't make the most of the extra space. You can't, for instance, display more apps on the home screen. And when you open apps, often enough they're just blown up to fit the larger screen.

That's not universally true,

Police stop slow Google self-driving car

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. (AP) — A car built by Google that drives itself around city streets had a brush with the law for driving too slowly.

A police officer in the tech giant's Silicon Valley hometown pulled over the prototype car Thursday because it was going a traffic-tying 24 mph in a 35 mph zone.

The officer spoke with the person in the driver's seat

but issued no citation, according to the Mountain View Police Department. Though the car was driving itself, state law requires a person to be able to intervene when the technology is tested on public roads.

The officer wanted to "learn more about how the car was choosing speeds along certain roadways and to educate the operators about impeding

traffic," according to a department blog post.

The bubble-shaped prototype has two seats. Its top speed is 25 mph.

"Driving too slowly? Bet humans don't get pulled over for that too often," Google's self-driving car project wrote in a blog post. It said the cars — outfitted with high-tech sensors and computing power — have never received a ticket. □

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Wall Street closes ugly week as retail takes a hit

MARLEY JAY

AP Markets Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market slumped to its second-biggest weekly loss of the year Friday, breaking a streak of six consecutive weeks of gains. Fears that the holiday shopping season will be a dud tanked retail stocks.

Retailers ranging from department stores to dollar stores plunged after Nordstrom posted disappointing third-quarter results, just as Macy's did earlier this week.

The price of oil continued to slide on evidence that global supplies are still rising. The dollar could get even stronger, further pressuring oil and other commodities and affecting mining and energy companies.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 202.83 points, or 1.2 percent, to 17,245.24. The Standard & Poor's 500 gave up 22.93 points, or 1.1 percent, to 2,023.04. The Nasdaq composite index slipped 77.20 points, or 1.5 percent, to 4,927.88.

Concerns about retail sales and skidding commodities prices have eroded the gains from October's big stock market rally. Stocks have now lost ground seven of the last eight days. Overall the S&P 500 is down almost 2 percent for the year.

Nordstrom sank \$9.51, or 15 percent, to \$53.96 after reporting weaker sales. The company also cut its forecast for the year. Macy's had done the same on Wednesday.

The holiday shopping rush will kick into high gear with Black Friday in two weeks. Following several weak reports from retailers, investors are becoming worried that sales will be poor during that period, which is a

noon and also said it will buy activity tracker maker Misfit for \$260 million. Its shares hit their lowest level in five years. Compounding those worries was a government report showing that U.S. retail

smartphones and TVs and other big items than they used to, there will still be plenty of socks and sweaters given as gifts over the holidays. "Christmas is boxed gifts," Jaffe said. "There will be



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. Retailers are plunging Friday as earnings reports from Nordstrom and others touched off investor worries that the holiday shopping season will be a dud. (AP Photo/Richard Drew)

crucial moneymaker for retail companies. Macy's and Nordstrom both hit two-year lows Friday. Consumer discretionary stocks were by far the worst performing group in the S&P 500.

J.C. Penney's results were about equal to analyst projections, but its stock lost \$1.35, or 15.4 percent, to \$7.44. Video game retailer GameStop sank \$7.35, or 16.5 percent, to \$37.18. Watchmaker Fossil Group plunged \$18.62, or 36.5 percent, to \$32.39. Fossil posted disappointing earnings Thursday after-

spending edged up just 0.1 percent in October, a bit less than analysts expected. Prices charged by farmers, manufacturers and other producers fell in October. The figures show there is little sign of inflation in the U.S. economy. When inflation is higher, consumers have an incentive to spend more money.

Stifel Nicolaus analyst Richard Jaffe suggested the widespread selling was an overreaction. Shoppers will spend plenty of money this holiday season, he said, and while they're spending more money on

a lot of gift giving, a lot of apparel sales." Jaffe noted that Americans' shopping habits have changed a lot over the last few years. Consumers are spending more on homes, cars, and vacations. Aging baby boomers don't buy clothes as often as they used to, and younger shoppers are more interested in technology.

The price of oil continued to fall after the International Energy Agency said commercial inventories reached almost 3 billion barrels at the end of September, a record. □

No. 2 Fed official: Economy growing despite signs of global weakness

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WASHINGTON (AP) — The No. 2 official at the Federal Reserve said Thursday that the strong dollar and global economic weakness have been a drag on growth, but the U.S. economy has been weathering the shocks reasonably well. Fed Vice Chairman Stanley Fischer said that the decision by the central bank to keep its ultra-low interest rate policies in place has been a key factor in shielding the economy. But he noted some sectors heavily exposed to international trade have been affected. The Fed raised the possibility at its last meeting that when it meets again in December, it could begin raising interest rates, something it has not done in nearly a decade. Fischer said a Fed rate hike will depend on how the economy is performing when officials meet on Dec. 15-16. "As policymakers, we must always be vigilant to events unfolding differently than we expect and we must be ready to act accordingly," Fischer said in comments delivered to a Fed research conference where Fed Chair Janet Yellen also spoke. Neither Yellen nor Fischer revealed what the Fed will do at the December meeting, although private economists are moving to the view that the central bank will act to boost its benchmark short-term rate, which has been at a record low near zero for the past seven years. In his speech, Fischer said that the dollar has risen in value by about 15 percent since July 2014 compared to the currencies of America's major trading partners. That increase has cut into U.S. export sales by making American-made goods more expensive on overseas markets. But the higher value of the dollar had also lowered inflation by making imports less expensive for U.S. consumers, acting to keep prices rising well below the Fed's target of 2 percent. □

Volkswagen brand sales dip in wake of scandal

FRANKFURT,

Germany

(AP) — Volkswagen's flagship brand saw global auto sales fall 5.3 percent in October in the wake of a scandal over cars equipped with software that let them cheat on U.S. diesel emissions tests.

It appeared that economic downturns in Brazil and Russia caused as much or more damage than the scandal to the month's figures. Volkswagen has been

trying to limit sales damage in the United States by offering existing Volkswagen owners \$2,000 off if they trade their old car in for a new VW model.

Figures released Friday showed sales in the U.S. — where the scandal first broke on Sept. 18 — were up 0.2 percent. Sales in North America including Canada rose 3.5 percent from the same month a year earlier.

Sales fell 26 percent in Russia and 50 percent in Brazil. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency says Volkswagen equipped 482,000 cars with software that turned off emissions controls and enhanced performance when the cars were not being tested.

The company says up to 11 million cars have the deceptive software, and adds that it has uncovered "irregularities" in measure-

ments of how much carbon dioxide the cars emit. Carbon dioxide is a greenhouse gas blamed by scientists for global warming, and faces increasingly strict limits in Europe.

For all of Volkswagen's brands — which also include SEAT, Skoda, Porsche, Audi and Lamborghini — global sales fell 3.5 percent to 831,300 in October compared with a year earlier. □

Springleaf required to shed 127 branches to buy OneMain

WASHINGTON (AP) — The federal government is ordering personal finance company Springleaf Holdings to shed 127 branches in 11 states in order to acquire OneMain Financial Holdings. The required divestiture, announced Friday, would settle an antitrust lawsuit filed by the U.S. Justice Department and attorneys gen-

eral in seven states. The suit alleged that Springleaf's \$4.25 billion acquisition of OneMain, a Citigroup subsidiary, could hurt competition because people with weak credit seeking personal loans would face fewer local market choices in 11 states. Springleaf, based in Evansville, Indiana, and Baltimore's OneMain are the

two biggest makers of personal installment loans to subprime borrowers in the U.S., according to the Justice Department. The loans are marketed to consumers with limited access to credit from conventional banks, and have fixed interest rates and payment periods. Springleaf said it has agreed to sell the 127 branches — represent-

ing 6 percent of its total network — to Lendmark Financial Services of Covington, Georgia. The sale is expected to close around April 1, 2016. Springleaf and OneMain both specialize in large installment loans from \$3,000 to \$6,000, target the same customer base, and have substantial geographic overlap in their branch networks, the anti-

trust suit alleged. Springleaf has about 830 branches in 27 states and outstanding loans worth around \$4 billion. OneMain has 1,139 branches in 43 states and \$8.4 billion in outstanding loans. The 11 states are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Texas, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia. □

JC Penney reports loss, sales growth, but shares skid

PLANO, Texas (AP) — J.C. Penney reported stronger-than-expected sales for the third-quarter, but the department store operator's failure to raise its forecast for the year appeared to add to worries that upcoming holiday shopping season could turn out to be a dud for retailers. The company's results follow disappointing sales this week from Macy's and Nordstrom, which both cut their outlooks for the year citing softer sales trends. Macy's blamed its sales decline in the third quarter partly on warmer than normal weather, which it said hurt sales of items like coats and boots. As a result, Macy's CEO Terry Lundgren also said the company would need to mark down items during the holiday season to get rid of its merchandise by the end of year. It said that would result in lower sales and gross margin in the fourth quarter, compared to a year ago. Shares of Macy's, Kohl's and Nord-

strom were all down Friday. J.C. Penney, meanwhile, fared better than its peers in the third quarter, with sales up 6.4 percent at established locations. The company also said its gross margin improved, driven by supply chain productivity and improvements in margins for its sale items. Yet the company maintained its full-year forecast for sales to climb between 4 and 5 percent. Its shares were down more than 11 percent at \$7.79. The company is also still bleeding money, but is hoping to change that by cutting costs and continuing to push up sales. A big part of the strategy is focusing more on J.C. Penney's private brands, which tend to cost the company less to carry on shelves than national name brands. J.C. Penney says private brands, which account for 51 percent of sales, represent a big opportunity for improving margins. "When you survey our cus-



Shoppers visit a J.C. Penney store in New York. The Texas-based retailer reported quarterly financial results, Friday, Nov. 13, 2015. (AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

tomers, they believe that they are national brands," said CEO Marvin Ellison, who joined the company a year ago. Ellison also noted the company is increasingly using Sephora makeup locations within its stores to attract younger customers,

and get them to visit more frequently and spend more per visit. The company, based in Plano, Texas, said its loss narrowed to \$137 million, or 45 cents per share, for the period ending Oct. 31. Losses, adjusted for one-time gains and costs,

came to 47 cents per share. Analysts had forecast a steeper loss of 58 cents per share, according to Zacks Investment Research. Revenue rose to \$2.9 billion, also exceeding Street forecasts of revenue of \$2.86 billion. □

US producer prices drop in latest sign of tame inflation

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AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prices charged by farmers, manufacturers and other producers fell in October for the second straight month, fresh evidence that there is little sign of inflation in the U.S. economy. The Labor Department said Friday the producer price index, which measures price changes before they reach the consumer,

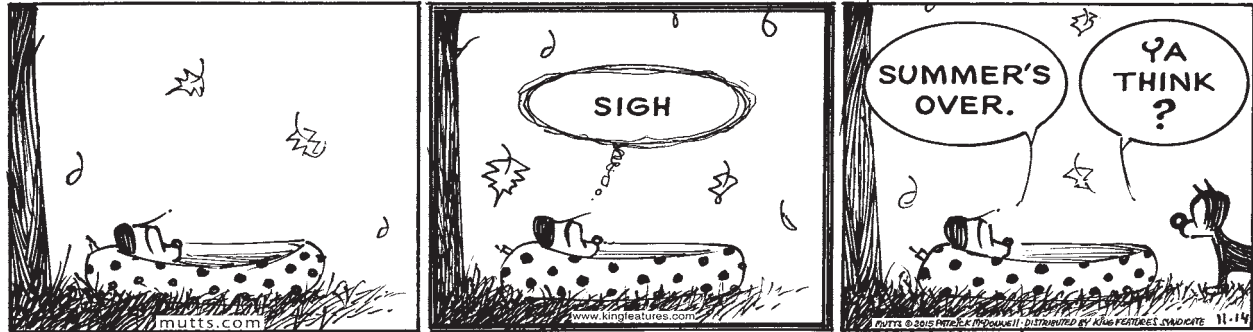
fell 0.4 percent last month. That follows a 0.5 percent drop in September. In the past year, wholesale prices have dropped 1.6 percent. That's the steepest drop since the government began tracking the data in 2010. Tepid wage increases have limited retailers' ability to raise prices, keeping a lid on inflation. Weak price gains pose a challenge for the Federal Reserve, which targets a 2

percent inflation rate as a cushion against falling prices, or deflation. While consumers may like lower prices, deflation can drag down wages, make debts harder to repay and is difficult for the Fed to reverse. Fed officials are widely expected to raise the short-term interest rate they control for the first time in nine years at their next meeting in December. Fed chair Janet Yellen has said they

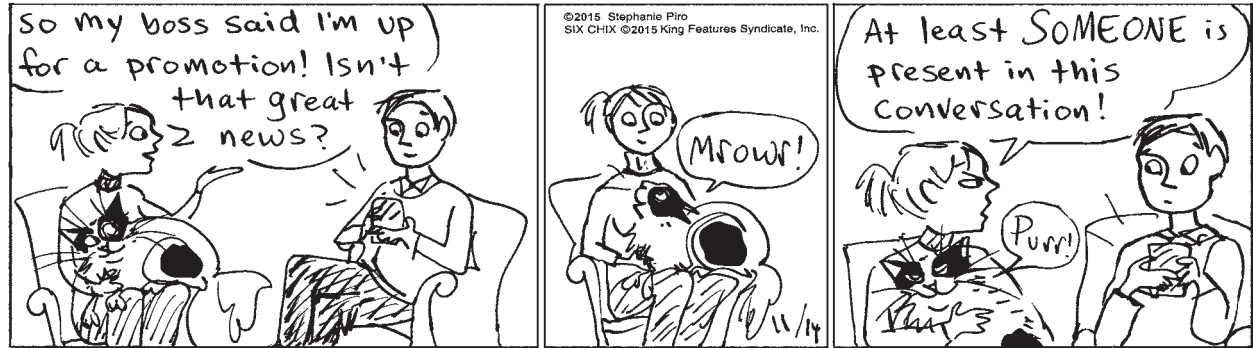
will do so when they are "reasonably confident" that inflation is returning to their 2 percent target. So far, most inflation gauges remain below that level. The Fed's preferred inflation measure rose just 0.2 percent in September, and is up only 1.3 percent in the past year. Still, there are signs that the deflationary impact of lower gas prices may be starting to fade. Wholesale gas prices rose 3.8 percent

in October, the government said. And earlier this week, Eric Rosengren, president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, struck an upbeat note on the economy and said he is "reasonably confident" inflation will soon reach 2 percent. In October, wholesale prices were pulled lower by a sharp drop in the profit margins reported by gas stations and by falling prices for food. □

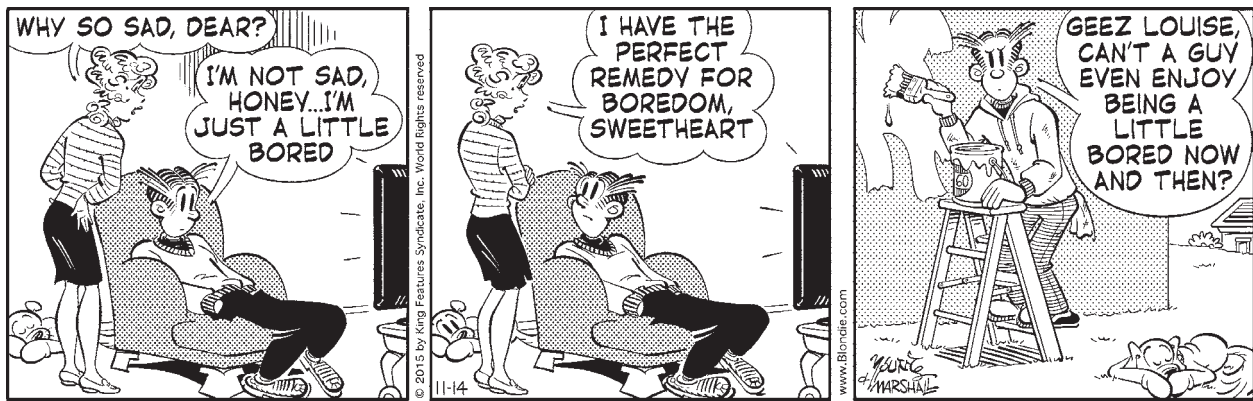
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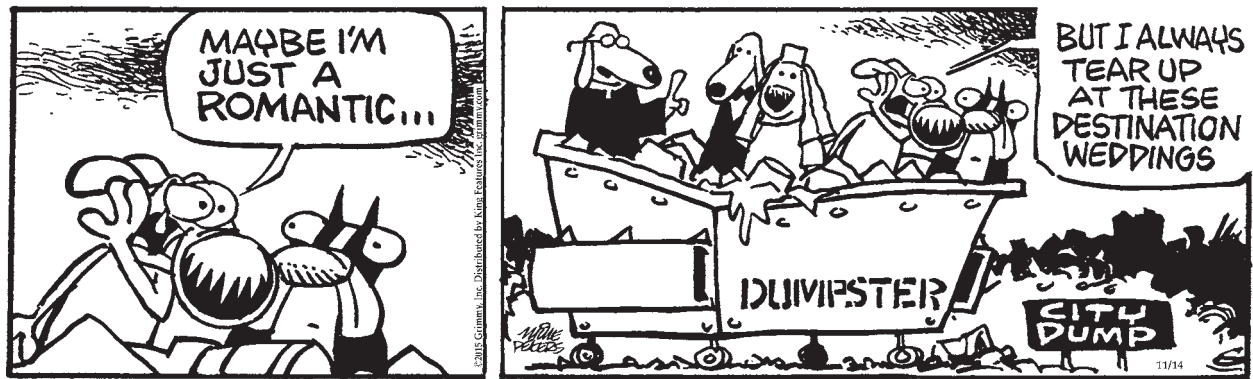
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

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15 Depart
16 6 ___ 60 is 10
17 Carve in glass
18 Mountains of South America
19 Messy person
20 Good knife's quality
22 Clerical error
23 Promising
24 Turn a deaf ___ to; ignore
26 ___ down; topsy-turvy
29 Small fruit pie
34 ___ in; brings under control
35 Delicious
36 "You ___ what you eat!"
37 Gunshot sound
38 Lassos
39 As comfortable ___ old shoe
40 Part of a royal flush
41 Most common first name for U.S. presidents
42 Highest point
43 Recent arrival
45 Talks back
46 Pelosi's title: abbr.
47 Weathercock
48 ___ Gooding, Jr.
51 Car crashes
56 Mimicked
57 Reigned
58 Circle portions
60 ___-on; type of deodorant
61 Fish with a net
62 Dishonest one
63 Opening bet
64 Good judgment
65 "___ Doubtfire"
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1 Fawn's mother
2 Pitcher's joys

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9 Small nightclub
10 Exclusively
11 Go no further
12 Bum
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25 Not ___ longer; no more
26 Of the city
27 Tranquility
28 Tendon
29 Narrow candle
30 ___ up; spends
31 Flower holders
32 ___ a hard drive; delete all data
33 ___ out; lets a tenant live in
35 Heavy book
38 "...O'er the ___ we watched..."
49 Read ___; study about
50 Waist strap
52 Remedy
53 Extended family group
54 Prune
55 Skin mark
59 Yrbk. section

Old laws collide with digital reality in teen sexting cases

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Associated Press**

CANON CITY, Colorado (AP) — When school officials in a rural Colorado community learned local students were collecting naked photos of one another, they say they had no choice but to notify the police and hand over hundreds of intimate images to law enforcement.

The law in Colorado and many other states classifies any explicit photos of minors as child pornography, and requires school employees to bring in police the moment they learn of it. Prosecutors are looking for evidence of coercion and to see if any adults were involved, saying they don't intend to file criminal charges against everyone. Across the U.S., laws from the pre-smartphone era that were intended to protect children from sexual predators collide with the digitally saturated reality of today's teens.

Last year in North Carolina, two dating teens who exchanged nude selfies at the age of 16 were charged as were adults with a felony — sexual exploitation of a minor. Those charges were later reduced to misdemeanors following a public uproar. This week, two 14-year-old boys in New York were charged after one of them was accused of recording the other having sex with a girl. As many as 20 students were suspended from another school, although not criminally charged, for watching it or sending it to



Canon City Police Chief Paul Schultz, left, and Crime Prevention Coordinator Jen O'Connor listen as Superintendent George Welsh talks about a sexting scandal at Canon City High School during a news conference in Canon City, Colo. Across the U.S., laws from the pre-smartphone era are increasingly colliding with the digitally saturated reality of today's schools.

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friends. And last week, 16 students in Tennessee were charged with sexual exploitation of a minor after exchanging explicit photos on their cellphones.

Canon City School superintendent George Welsh said laws intended to protect youth from sexual predators have put the school in a bind. □

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China's gray smog has a blue lining: Air improves this year

LOUISE WATT
Associated Press

BEIJING (AP) — Lawyer Wu Congsi has asthma and keeps air purifiers whirring

in terms of the air quality," said Wu, 26. "At least so far, this summer and this fall, it's actually better than last year — just more clear days

healthy. But some experts, officials and observers see the improvement as the start of a long-term upward trend in air quality re-

ellites backed up the improvement in official readings.

"The fall from 2014 to 2015 was the biggest in that entire time series — and by a pretty wide margin at that," he said. "So it's definitely been a very exceptional year for air quality." The early success gives China a credibility boost ahead of a climate change conference beginning late this month in Paris, where countries are to hash out a global agreement intended to slow down global warming. Many are hoping that China, the world's top emitter of carbon emissions, plays a leading role in the negotiations, particularly as an example to other developing nations. Yi Bo, an engineer at Beijing Environmental Protection Bureau's air management office, said the capital had seen a drop in all major pollutants in the first three quarters of this year. That includes a 40 percent decrease in sulfur dioxide and a 19 percent decrease in PM2.5 — small inhalable particles that can penetrate deep into the lungs and are considered to be a good gauge of air quality.

"People make an effort and the heavens help," Yi said, evoking a Chinese idiom to describe what he said were the two reasons for the improvement: government efforts to reduce emissions and more favor-

able weather conditions compared with last year, including more winds from the north.

China's pollution problems are notorious after three decades of breakneck growth in which there was little official concern about the environmental impact. The air gets especially bad in the winter when the burning of coal increases and weather patterns add to the smog.

A study led by atmospheric chemist Jos Lelieveld of Germany's Max Planck Institute and published this year in *Nature* magazine estimated that 1.4 million people are prematurely dying because of pollution in China each year.

Growing public anger over air pollution has pushed the government to make combating it a priority.

In 2013, months after a particularly bad winter that spurred many Chinese and expatriates to leave Beijing because of health concerns, the central government banned new coal-fired power plants in key industrial regions around Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, ordered cities to drop their pollutant levels by 2017 and looked to increase non-fossil fuel energy such as wind and solar power. Last year, it changed its environment law to allow unlimited fines against persistent polluters and public oversight of companies' emissions. □



An air intake devices collect air samples for monitoring pollution at the Beijing Municipal Environmental Protection Monitoring Center in Beijing. China's polluted air is still largely hazardous to health, and officials won't even guess when air will finally reach levels that could be considered healthy. But some experts, officials and observers see this year's improvement as the start of a long-term upward trend in air quality resulting from central and local government measures to lower pollution.
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away in his office, home and car to counter Beijing's hazardous smog. He prefers to stay inside unless the sky is blue. But this year, he's been able to regularly walk the 15 minutes or so to work.

That's because of some good news that so far has gone little noticed outside of China: The air in Beijing — and across the rest of the country — has improved so far this year.

"I just feel generally better

than previously. I might go out hiking or maybe just stroll around the parks."

Chinese official sources have cited the improvement, and U.S. Embassy readings have corroborated the findings.

China's polluted air is still largely hazardous to health — killing 1.4 million people a year, according to one recent study — and officials won't even guess when air will finally reach levels that could be considered

sulting from central and local government measures to lower pollution.

"It's not just Beijing or one region," said Lauri Myllyvirta, who campaigns on air pollution for Greenpeace. "It's really widespread reductions in (levels of particulate matter and pollutants) across all of eastern and central China."

Myllyvirta said data on average levels of aerosols, or tiny particles, for the past 15 years from NASA sat-

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MARK KENNEDY
AP Drama Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Live theater is stressful for any actor, so just imagine how crazy it can be if you've been handed a script only a few hours before having to go onstage.

That's what's facing about two dozen brave stars on Monday night at the 15th annual benefit "The 24 Hour Plays on Broadway," which asks actors, writers and directors to come up with six original short plays over the course of a day. "The biggest lesson is to have fun and not take yourself too seriously," said Jason Biggs, the "American Pie" star. "You're going to look like a fool — that's the point."

Biggs will be joined by performers Sasha Alexander, Geoffrey Arend, Lorraine Bracco, Tony Danza, Edie Falco, Ashley Fink, Ari Graynor, Kesha, John

Krasinski, David Krumholtz, Margarita Levieva, Adrienne Moore, Diane Neal, Rosie Perez, Phylicia Rashad, Molly Ringwald, Julia Stiles, Amber Tamblyn, Tracie Thoms and Vanessa Williams.

"Saturday Night Live" will be well represented by Taran Killam, Jay Pharoah and Cecily Strong and Rachel Dratch — a nod to that show's ability to nurture people fast on their feet. Biggs and Stiles are repeat offenders at "The 24 Hour Plays on Broadway" and call it a highlight every year, even though there's plenty of sweat and stress getting ready.

"There's a weird addiction to it where you keep wanting to come back to it every year even if you were panicking leading up to a performance," said Stiles. "There's something so great about seeing how much can get done in 24



In this 2014 photo, Jason Biggs arrives at the 66th Annual Primetime Emmy Awards in Los Angeles. Biggs will be joined by other performers in "The 24 Hour Plays on Broadway" the 15th annual benefit which gets actors, writers and directors to come up with six original short plays over the course of a day. The show starts at 8 p.m. EST on Monday, Nov. 16. (Photo by Richard Shotwell/Invision/AP)

hours."

Biggs agrees: "At some point during the day before the performance, we're like, 'Why do we do this? Why are we here? Why do we agree to keep coming back? It's like a

monkey touching the electric fence."

Directors this year are Andy Fickman, Thomas Kail, Leigh Kilton Smith, Patricia McGregor, Kathy Najimi and Eduardo Ponti. The writers include David

Lindsay-Abaire, Rachel Axler, David Cross, Dael Orlandersmith and Jonathan Marc Sherman.

The whole thing works this way: The playwrights will gather at 10 p.m. on Sunday and will write a short play by 7 a.m. the next morning. As one might guess, they can get very silly indeed.

The celebrity actors — who, to help the process, have brought in a prop and a costume, as well as reveal a skill and a secret desire — are cast and then rehearse the work for the next 12 hours.

"The actors have it tough," said Biggs. "But at least we've gotten some sleep the night before. These writers are there all night long, under the gun, trying to come up with funny jokes and characters at 4 o'clock in the morning. I'd much rather be the actor in this scenario." □

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Police: Man punches 'NCIS' actress near her Hollywood home

LOS ANGELES (AP) — "NCIS" actress Pauley Perrette says she felt "alone, terrified and trapped" when a man attacked her and threatened to kill her as she walked in front of her Hollywood home. The actress tweeted that she thought she was going to die during the 5 p.m. Thursday attack. Perrette, 46, says the man grabbed her, punched her repeatedly in the nose and forehead and graphically told her how he was going to kill her. The Los Angeles Police Department confirmed the attack. Sgt. Mark Cohan said Friday that no additional information would be released. In her tweets about the attack, Perrette said the attacker kept telling her that his name was William. "There was an empty garage behind me and I



This 2010 photo shows actress Pauley Perrette from the television show NCIS in West Hollywood, Calif. Authorities say a man attacked Perrette in front of her Hollywood home, punching her in the face several times. The actress tweeted that she thought she was going to die Thursday night, Nov. 12, 2015. (AP Photo/Richard Vogel)


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knew if he got me in there I knew I was dead. I knew I couldn't overcome him, I prayed my heart out (and) then finally said, 'William is a beautiful name, I have a little nephew named William.'" The man started to punch her again and then told her to leave. "And I did. I went into shock. Collapsed on the sidewalk. Some guy walked right past me with a dog that licked my face. He was on his phone, annoyed. Did nothing." Within an hour of the at-

tack, police arrested a man a few blocks away. David Merck was booked for investigation of aggravated battery. Bail was set at \$100,000. Police say records don't list an attorney for Merck, who turned 45 on Thursday. Sgt. Bob Ward told the Los Angeles Times that Merck was a known transient with a history of run-ins with the department. Cohan said as far as he knew, Perrette did not need hospitalization. Perrette plays forensic scientist Abby Sciuto on the

popular television drama. She is also a singer and songwriter and an avid volunteer for a large number of causes, including civil rights, animals and homelessness. "I am shaken and traumatized," Perrette wrote. "My house, my beloved Hollywood. My beloved homeless people that I spend my life protecting. My life changed tonight. My ... I don't know." She ended her tweet: "We need to not walk alone. I need to heal. I almost died tonight."

4 more women join suit against Bill Cosby

DENISE LAVOIE PHILIP MARCELO Associated Press BOSTON (AP) — Four more women joined a federal lawsuit against Bill Cosby Friday, claiming the comedian sexually abused them and later defamed them by letting his representatives publicly label their stories lies. Barbara Bowman, Joan Tarshis, Louisa Moritz and Angela Leslie join three women already named in the civil suit — Tamara Green, Therese Serignese, and Linda Traitz. The women say they want compensation after they say Cosby and his repre-

sentatives tarnished their reputations and made it hard for them to lead normal lives. They are among dozens of women who have alleged that Cosby, now 78, molested them decades ago. Cosby has denied some of the allegations and has never been charged with a crime. "There's no reason that any of the victims of this situation should have to live with a scarlet letter in their lives," Bowman, an Arizona resident, said in a conference call Friday. "I am not a liar. I am a truth-teller." Bowman alleges Cosby won her trust when she

was a 17-year-old aspiring actress in 1985, then sexually assaulted her multiple times. Tarshis, who alleges Cosby drugged and assaulted her in 1969 when she was 19 years old, agreed, adding that she's been publicly ridiculed for coming forward. This past spring, she says, a woman drove by in car and spat at her and called her a liar. "I was incredibly shaken by that," Tarshis, a New York resident, said Friday. "I don't want to sound like Richard Nixon, but I'm not a liar. Why would anybody lie about something like this? This is not my legacy."

YouTube Music keeps the mobile video groove going

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Associated Press

LOS ANGELES (AP) — If you were going to reinvent MTV for a mobile generation, you'd probably come up with something like YouTube Music. It's a video-first music service that also plays in the background like you'd expect a music app to do. That sets it apart from other music apps out there, many of which give you a choice of videos or songs, but not interchangeably. But while YouTube Music offers a lot of interesting features, most of them require a subscription to the new YouTube Red service, which will set you back \$10 a month — \$13 if you sign up through YouTube's iPhone app. Without Red, YouTube Music will play ads similar to what you see on YouTube proper, and several other functions won't work at all. YouTube

is offering new users a 14-day free trial to Red, but to continue commercial free, you'll need to pony up. YouTube Music is first and foremost a music-video app, albeit one that doesn't forget that most people will be using it on their phones. For those times you'd rather just listen instead of watching, you can hit a toggle that switches the app to audio-only mode, which turns off the video playback and swaps in a still image. You can even turn off the screen and keep listening while you do something else. But here's the first gotcha: Audio-only mode only works for paid subscribers. I also found the audio-only toggle worked far better on a Samsung Galaxy Note 4 than on an iPhone 5, where it introduced a jarring pause. You can similarly shrink



This photo shows the YouTube Music app on a mobile phone on Friday, Nov. 13, 2015, in Los Angeles. If you were going to reinvent MTV for a mobile generation, you'd probably come up with something like YouTube Music. It's a video-first music service that also plays in the background like you'd expect a music app to do. (AP Photo/Richard Vogel)

the video to a little strip at the bottom of the app, which keeps it playing in a cropped format while you

look for the next video. The app will even keep playing if you switch to other tasks, like checking email

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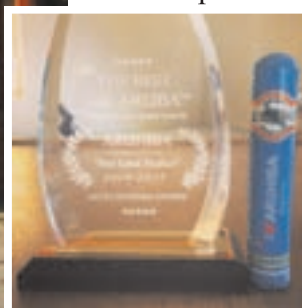
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